

Union workers and their allies from across the state rallied Saturday at the Ohio Statehouse ahead of a Monday case before the U.S. Supreme Court. (Laura Hancock, Capitol Letter.)

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## = 9 Rotunda Rumblings

= 9 **The pharmacist will see you now:** In the past two decades, the role of pharmacists has evolved from pill dispensing to administering medicine such as flu

= 9 **Ohio eyes on case:** Today the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31, which will examine whether public-sector unions can charge non-union employees fees for the collective bargaining agreements from which they benefit. Unions at a Cap Square rally Saturday argued the case is one more attempt by big business to erode organized labor's money and power. But the Buckeye Institute argues non-union employees' First Amendment rights are violated when they're paying money to groups that they disagree with, writes Gary Scherer, said bill sponsor Rep. Gary Scherer. But a trade association representing the Tuition Trust Authority and managers of other states Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, said bill sponsor Rep. Gary Scherer. But a trade association representing the Tuition Trust Authority and managers of other states 529 plans told Scherer that for some investors, it's more beneficial to open accounts in other states. Scherer said the Tuition Trust Authority supports House Bill 524 because other states give tax deductions for people with plans in Ohio.

**Tuition assistance:** People who save money for college in 529 plans outside the state could receive Ohio's income tax deduction under a new bipartisan bill. Current law provides people a deduction of up to \$4,000 if they save through the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, said bill sponsor Rep. Gary Scherer. But a trade association representing the Tuition Trust Authority and managers of other states 529 plans told Scherer that for some investors, it's more beneficial to open accounts in other states. Scherer said the Tuition Trust Authority supports House Bill 524 because other states give tax deductions for people with plans in Ohio.

= 9 **State checked out:** The nearly 14,000 state employees whose medical claims are processed by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield can go to the ER without worries that they will be stuck with a bill, Hancock reports. Ohio opted out of Anthem's new practice of denying some claims when ER visits are not for emergency care, but has contracted out claims administration to Aetna, Medical Mutual of Ohio according to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Ohio is self-insured and, beginning in 2016, Anthem.

**Capital Letter's Laura Hancock:** Capital Letter's Laura Hancock.

## = 9 Another Dem with petition problems: Ohio House District 37 has been high

County prosecutor, in November. Stark counties. He'll face Democrat Elliot Kolkovich, an assistant Summit lone Republican in the race for the Republcan-leaving district in western Summit Doug Livingston. That leaves ex-Summit County Councilman Bill Roemer as the term representing House District 38, according to the Akron Beacon Journal's

= 9 Slaby bows out: State Rep. Marilyn Slaby has withdrawn her bid for a fourth Constance Gadell-Newton (D) - 634  
Paul E. Ray (D) - 31,192  
Bill O'Neill (D) - 1,237  
Larry Ealy (D) - 1,241  
= 9 Mary Taylor (R) - 1,799  
Joe Schiavoni (D) - 1,861  
Dennis Kucinich (D) - 2,140  
Richard Corrday (D) - 2,595  
= 9 Mike Devine (R) - 2,724  
Constance Gadell-Newton (G) - 634

racers, visit here.

the number of valid signatures for governor. For U.S. Senate and down-ballot which this year is just one — Connie Gadell-Newton of the Green Party. Here are (Republican and Democratic) party candidates and 500 for minor-party candidates, candidates for governor cut it? The state requires 1,000 signatures for major 854 valid signatures, it made us wonder. How close did the successful major party failed to make the Democratic ballot for governor last week because he only had

= 9 Who had the most signatures? When Rocky River physician Jon Heavy

charge for their services.

and pass an assessment. The bill also would change what notaries are allowed to and applicants would have to undergo a background check, take a training course instead of by each of Ohio's 88 counties (which have varying rules and processes), conference. Notaries would be commissioned by the Ohio secretary of state the first time, allow documents to be notarized online via audio-video

Huffman and Steve Wilson. The "Notary Public Modernization Act" would, for would change significantly under Senate Bill 263 from Republican Sens. Matt stamp act: Serving as a notary public — or using the services of one — in Ohio

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## Stories We're Talking About

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Ciminiari to pay for coal research projects.

release more than \$1.8 million in total to Ohio University and the University of

million for housing assistance grants. DSA is also seeking the board's blessing to

to approve \$13.6 million for low-income rental housing, as well as another \$5.5

Board on Monday is set to hear requests from the Development Services Agency

= 9 Housing, coal projects on Control Board agenda: The Controlling

the crowded field.

considered a frontrunner in the GOP primary, to separate himself from the rest of

on Tuesday. Getting the county party's backing would help Bacon, already

interviewed with the committee; the county party is set to vote on an endorsement

in the special election for Ohio's 12th congressional district. In all, 10 Republicans

recommended that state Sen. Kevin Bacon pick up the county party's endorsement

= 9 Bacon bit: A Franklin County Republican Party screening committee has

friendly district to replace Phillip by today's write-in candidate deadline.

District 83, currently held by term-limited Republican Rep. Robert Sprague. Fisher

County, failed to submit enough valid signatures to make the ballot in House

= 9 And yet another: Ashley Phillip, a resident of tiny McComb in Hancock

of the House Democrats' campaign arm.

Casy's wife Amanda has filed as a write-in candidate, according to Aaron Fisher

Democrats say they're confident Hustvedt will side with Weinstein — but just in case,

board's two Democrats sided with Weinstein, leaving it to Hustvedt to break the tie.

Elections moved this week to reject Weinstein's petitions because of a typo; the

will qualify for the ballot. The two Republicans on the Summit County Board of

State Jon Hustvedt to decide whether the Democrats' candidate, Casey Weinstein,

on Democrats' list of potential pickups this year. But now it's up to Secretary of

shift from just a few months ago, when Kasich and his allies repeatedly denied any

While it's still up in the air whether he runs, "his activity has undergone a marked election campaign as an independent," reports Politico's Gabriel Debenedetti.

challenge to President Donald Trump against the feasibility of a long-shot general presidential run in 2020 -- actively weighing the prospect of a Republican primary

Kasich 2020 talk revives: "John Kasich's inner circle is gearing up for a possible

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Powder or why it was sent.

"harmful," writes Capitol Letters' Jeremy Pelezer. It's still unclear who mailed the mail to U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's Columbus office has been determined not to be = 9 Powder scare: "A white powder substance found Friday in an envelope

background checks and equivalent weapons ban. Legally purchase a rifle from 18 to 21. But he stopped short of endorsing universal gun-control measures following last week's mass shooting at a Florida high school, Cleveland.com's Seth Richardson on Saturday that Congress should look at some Portman told

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But both support arming teachers to help improve school safety. converted into automatic weapons. DeWine backs such a move; Taylor disagrees. banning bump stocks, devices that allow semi-automatic rifles to be effectively gubernatorial candidates Mike DeWine and Mary Taylor differ when it comes to gun control. Cleveland.com's Andrew Tobias finds that Republican

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considering, but said they've reached agreements on four different issues." Wehrman of the Dispatch. The governor "decided to lay out what the group is something by the end of next week to the General Assembly," writes Jessica convened to find solutions to gun violence in the state will be able to deliver Kasich's secret gun group: "Kasich said he is hoping that a secret group he's

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Koff has the details. best of the ideas they have proposed during the past year. Cleveland.com's Steve bipartisan group of governors released a six-page blueprint that summarizes the Washington on Friday trying to refocus the nation's attention on health care. The Health plan: Kasich and his counterparts from Colorado and Alaska were in

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stand for and complained they have "no agenda." Dispatch's Jack Tolley writes that Kasich said he has "no clue" what Democrats may be beginning to see the end of the two-party system. "The Columbus strongest signal yet that he may run for president as an independent, saying, "We In die favorite? Kasich, speaking Sunday on ABC's "This Week," offered the

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interest whatsoever in the White House."

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= 9 10:45 a.m. — Rich Cordray to campaign with Nan Whaley in Dayton: The Democratic gubernatorial candidate is set to appear with the mayor of Dayton and

St. Cincinnati.  
objections from the teen's parents. Hamilton County Courthouse steps, 1000 Main Court ruling that a transgender teen can undergo hormone therapy despite to announce legislation and other actions in response to a recent Hamilton County Tom Brinkman, along with other legislators and conservative activists, are slated 10 a.m. — Lawmakers to unveil bill in reaction to transgender ruling: Rep.

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## = 9 What's Going On Today

media consultant and The Strategy Group for direct mail.  
Also, O'Connor's campaign announced it hired AKPD Message and Media as a campaign of Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards.  
by Pat Tibbet. Binder formerly was campaign coordinator for the successful County Recorder Danny O'Connor's bid for Ohio's 12th U.S. House seat, vacated = 9 Chris Binder has been hired as campaign manager for Democratic Franklin

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## = 9 On The Move

Democratic Party and the Democratic National Committee.  
5. She received gifts worth at least \$75 from actor Jackson Biesscker, the Ohio Capital One credit card, a Lowe's credit card, a Pottery Barn credit card, the Classic Madison dealership and Quick'n Loans mortgage.  
4. She owed at least \$1,000 each in 2016 to American Education Services, a System, Ascensus and Prudential. She has a money market with PNC Bank.  
= A 3. She has retirement funds with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement

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= 9 2. She earned \$1,000 to \$9,999 in rental income from a home in Cleveland

foster and family care services organization.  
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- Gov. John Kasich, in a statement Saturday announcing an emergency declaration in support of 17 Ohio counties affected by flooding.  
= 9 "We'll get through this as we always do, by working together."

## Straight From The Source

= 9 Rep. Niraj Antani

Birthdays  
W. Weisheimer Rd  
Green Party candidate Joe Manchik, First Unitarian Universalist of Columbus, 93 Democratic candidates, as well as Republican candidate Lawrence Cohen and held by Indivisible Ohio District 12 and ProgressOhio, will feature all seven = 9 7 to 9 p.m. - Ohio 12th Congressional District candidate forum: The event,

1:30 p.m. - Controlling Board, North Hearing Room, Senate Building.  
Smithville Rd, Dayton  
other local leaders to discuss pre-K expansion. Rainbow Years Child Care, 2727

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Ohio is staking another public claim to the Wright brothers' legacy amid a dispute with  
Connecticut over an aviator that state says flew first.

**GOP GOVERNOR TAPS ADVISERS FOR GUN POLICY TALKS**  
Ohio Gov. John Kasich says he has convened a diverse group of advisers on gun policy to  
help him come up with a consensus policy proposal that he can bring forward in the coming  
days.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA MAY ARRIVE LATE IN OHIO**  
From litigation to audits to legislation, the attempted fixes are piling up for an Ohio medical  
marijuana program that has been beset by problems.

**DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR OHIO GOVERNOR HOPE TO WIN BACK TRUMP**  
Getting Ohio Democrats who voted for President Donald Trump back into the fold was a  
theme Sunday as Democratic candidates for governor appeared before the public in  
Marysville.

**KASICHI FAVORS ARMING TEACHERS, AGAINST 'STAND YOUR GROUND'**  
Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he is hoping that a group he's quietly convened to find solutions  
to gun violence in the state will be able to deliver something by the end of next week to the  
General Assembly.



**MINUTE, OHIO MATTERS: EPISODE 6 - JOE SCHIAVONI**

**YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GET PUNCHED, AT LEAST IT ONLY HURTS FOR A CAPITAL**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich and his counterparts from Colorado and Alaska came to the nation's capital Friday to remind policy makers, businesses and the public: There's still much work to do on health care.

**CARE COSTS AND QUALITY**

Several Democratic state lawmakers want to penalize Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for a new policy that does not cover some emergency room visits deemed by the insurer not to be emergencies.

**KASICH, OTHER GOVERNORS RESTATE NATIONAL NEED TO DEAL WITH HEALTH LAWMAKERS**

## THE PLAIN DEALER

**ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ER POLICY CRITICIZED BY OHIO**

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**LAWMAKERS**

Gun-rights advocates in the Ohio House of Representatives had every reason to expect House Bill 228 to pass easily, further dismantling the state's already-flimsy regulation of deadly weapons.

**EDITORIAL: DOING NOTHING IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich's evolution on gun issues apparently continues.

**CAPITAL INSIDER: KASICH CHANGES HIS TUNE ON 'ASSAULT WEAPONS' VOTE**

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has "no clue" what Democrats stand for and complained they have "no agenda."

launched a spirited attack against the Democratic Party, Ohio Gov. John Kasich charged he

**KASICH ASSAULTS DEMOCRATS FOR LACKING AGENDA**

When four Democratic candidates for Ohio governor gathered for a debate in Columbus in October, they spent their time discussing Ohio's opioid crisis, the scandal surrounding online charter school ECOT, and the financial cost to local communities of state tax breaks for businesses.

**TOLEDO**

**NEARLY NEW LINEUP AT DEMOCRATS' NEXT OHIO GOVERNOR DEBATE IN**

Ohio has increasingly become an island among states that have passed a right-to-work law — an initiative strongly opposed by labor unions.

**UNION MONEY NOW FUELS GOP LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS IN OHIO**

Intentionally torpedoing the state's program, which is supposed to start in September.

An architect of Ohio's medical marijuana law Friday accused Gov. John Kasich of

# THE ENQUIRER

The last time U.S. corporations tax rates were slashed, during the Reagan administration, some state utility regulators were slow off the mark in making sure investor-owned utilities didn't just pocket the profits without adjusting consumer bills, The New York Times reports.

## WINDFALL AND SHORT CUSTOMERS: EDITORIAL

### FIRST ENERGY CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO POCKET CORPORATE-TAX-CUT

Some Ohioans sincerely believe the Second Amendment trumps any attempt to regulate massacre-capable guns.

## SUDDES

### 2006 VETO, ENDING CITIES' BANS ON MASSACRE-CAPABLE WEAPONS: THOMAS

#### ROLL OF SHAME OF OHIO LAWMAKERS WHO OVERRODE GOP GOV. TAFT'S

A longtime Kasich administration staffer has a new job advising Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program, but few details were available Friday about what he will do in the new role.

Frank L Rose, a candidate for secretary of state, claiming that he was bragging about a Republican plan to get every state across the country, including Ohio in 2011.

## MARIJUANA PROGRAM

### MARY TAYLOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF HAS NEW JOB WITH OHIO'S MEDICAL

The Ohio Democratic Party on Friday circulated a 13-second audio recording of Republican Frank L Rose, a candidate for secretary of state, claiming that he was bragging about a long-time Kasich administration staffer has a new job advising Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program, but few details were available Friday about what he will do in the new role.

## CONTEXT

### FACT CHECK: OHIO DEMOCRATS TAKE FRANK L ROSE'S REMARKS OUT OF

Ohioans hoping to vote to legalize recreational marijuana this year will likely have to wait a little longer, perhaps as long as two years.

## 2018, BAKER SAYS

### OHIO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BALLOT MEASURE MIGHT NOT HAPPEN IN

State employees are not affected by a new Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield rule that leaves some policyholders with emergency-room bills when the company determines they didn't need emergency care.

## NEW ER RULE

### STATE EMPLOYEES WITH CLAIMS PROCESSED BY ANTHEM NOT AFFECTED BY

Both Republican candidates for Ohio governor say they support arming teachers as part of an approach to prevent further school shootings.

## HELP PREVENT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

### REPUBLICAN OHIO GOVERNOR CANDIDATES SUPPORT ARMING TEACHERS TO

State Sen. Joe Schiavoni acknowledges the Democratic gubernatorial primary has been a tough fight so far.

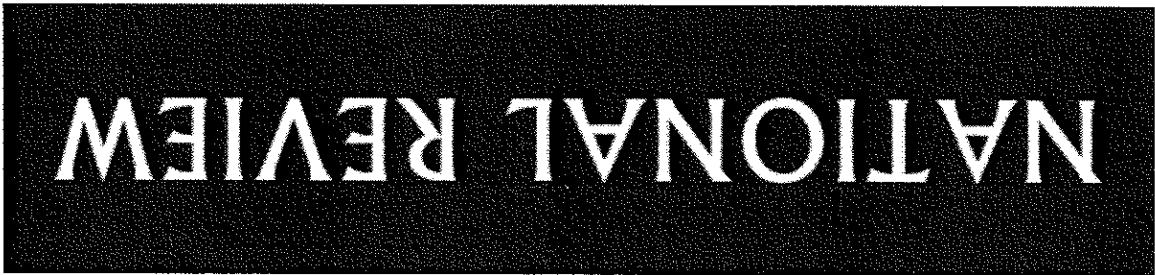
versa.

The National Rifle Association has long supported Republicans around the country, and vice versa.  
**-AND DEMOCRATS.**  
**THE NRA HAS A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THESE OHIO REPUBLICANS**

## THE BLADE

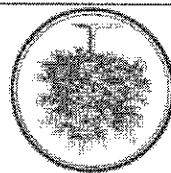
**LITIGATION PROCEEDS OVER MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSING**  
A lawsuit that could endanger the timeline for Ohio's rollout of its fledgling medical marijuana program will forge ahead despite proposed legislation to give the state a chance to correct licensing flaws.

The Money Behind Janus: It's Déjà vu All Over Again



In a piece for National Review, Buckeye's Robert Alt looks at the funding of Janus v. AFSCME, saying, "What is surprising is the fact that Mark Janus is personally funding a cadre of high-priced lawyers with one goal: making sure that Mark loses his case."

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To: Kashyap, Shawan  
Subject: ICMII: In a piece for National Review Buckeye's Robert Alt looks the funding of Janus v. AFSCME

This morning, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31*. The case asks a similar question to one raised just two years ago in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* - namely whether forcing a public employee to choose between subsidizing a union's political speech or being subject to termination for failure to do so violates the First Amendment.

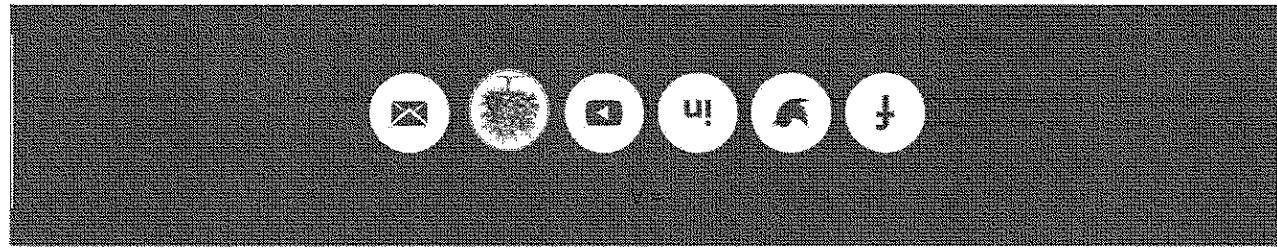
Coming so soon after *Friedrichs* - a case in which the Court deadlocked 4-4 after the tragic and ultimately deadly death of Justice Scalia - *Janus* has a déjà vu quality to it. The sense that we have seen all of this before is nowhere more palpable than in the public arguments marshaled by some of the more liberal elements of the media against Mark Janus's case.

Bereft of sufficient legal arguments to justify the First Amendment violations perpetuated against public servants, left-wing publications have resorted to attacking the messenger. Mark Janus, a child-support specialist for the state of Illinois, is accused of being an agent of big corporations and billionaires. The proof? The public-interest law firms that represent Mr. Janus - namely Liberty Justice Center and the National Right to Work Legal Foundation - are accused of taking donations from charitable foundations that regularly rely on charitable donations to carry out their work.

Just as in *Friedrichs*, it is perfectly unsurprising that foundations and individuals voluntarily would give to non-profit, public-interest law firms that provide free representation to their clients. Indeed, public-interest firms on both the left and the right regularly give to non-profit, public-interest law firms that provide free

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*millions of Americans like Mark Janus. For Rebecca Friedrichs, for Mark Janus, and for all the workers who are being denied a voice and a choice, let's hope that the second time is the charm.*

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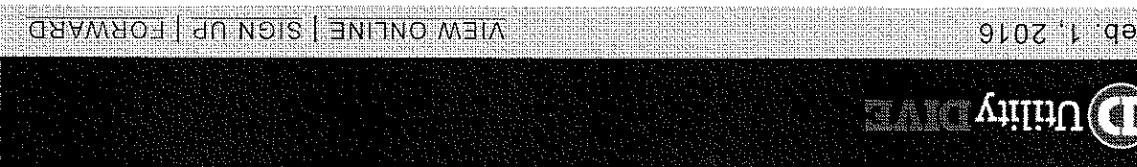
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"As it so often is, it is about the money," FERC Commissioner Tony Clark wrote in a response to the Supreme Court's decision on Order 745 and the commission's jurisdiction over demand response. After SCOTUS decision, exiting FERC member Clark pushes for review of DR compensation

Hawaii's electric utility has now processed over 77,000 solar PV interconnection applications. 17% of Hawaiian Electric customers now have rooftop solar

SDG&E joins SoCal Edison in the electric vehicle infrastructure space as California pushes toward its goal to have 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025. A rollout of regulators approve \$45M SDG&E electric vehicle charger

The Virginia-based electric and gas utility will deepen its investment in natural gas, the company announced Monday. Dominion to buy gas distributor Questar for \$4.4B

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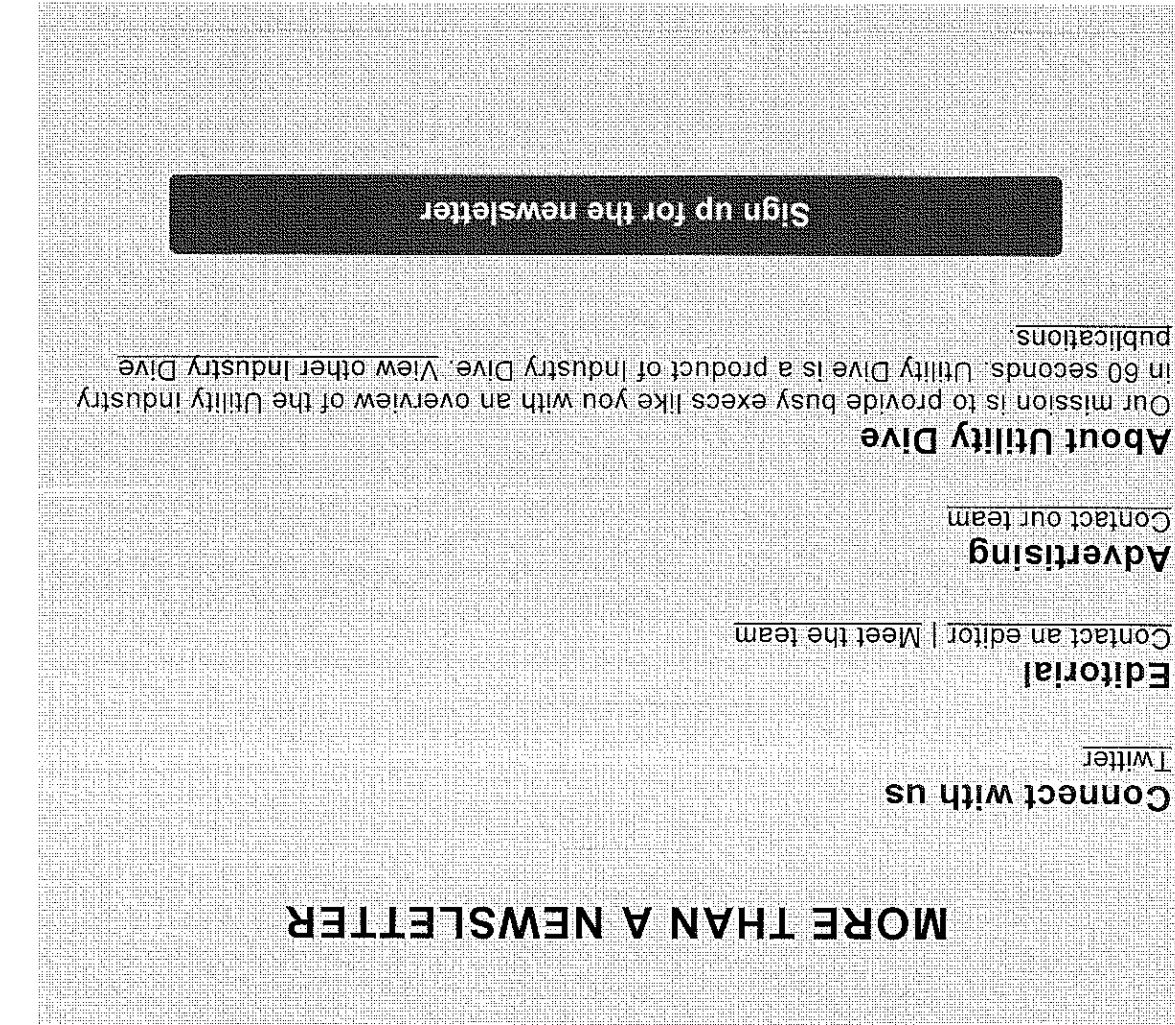
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## WITH FOCUS NOW ON NEW HAMPSHIRE, FOR KASICH IT'S DO OR DIE

The Columbus Dispatch  
Columbus, Ohio

The cost of court cases brought for and against a juvenile court judge in southwest Ohio who was convicted of a felony charge after a legal battle over her election as judge could reach nearly \$1.7 million.

A state appeals court approved class action status on Monday for thousands of motorists fined for speeding in a southwest Ohio village with citations issued from automatic camera enforcement.

### OHIO COURT APPROVES CLASS ACTION IN SPEED CAMERA CASE

A county prosecutor in Cleveland wants the Ohio Legislature to amend state laws to allow the Ohio attorney general to present deadly police use-of-force cases to grand juries.

### OHIO PROSECUTOR SEEKS NEW LAW ON POLICE USE-OF-FORCE PROBES

The Ohio Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case of a woman who sued police over injuries she suffered after a high-speed chase ended with a burglary suspect colliding with her car.

### OHIO SUPREME COURT HEARS INJURY LAWSUIT OVER POLICE CHASE

A labor-backed group that helped defeat collective bargaining restrictions in Ohio says it's using the five-year anniversary of the union law to remind supporters to stay active and engaged in its efforts.

### LABOR-BACKED GROUP REMINDS OHIANS OF UNION LAW'S DEFEAT

AP Associated Press

02/02/16  
HOUSE E-CLIPS

From: Smith, Kristen  
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2016 8:15 AM  
Subject: E-Clips for 2/2/2016

Commission Sunday show.

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was among the \$2,700 donors to Republican Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign committee, records filed with the Federal Election

## KASICH DONORS INCLUDE SCHWARZENEGGER

# Diamond Daily News

figures in a few months.

Taylor to elevate her visibility ahead of a potential run for governor in 2018, raised six- Dillard Ohio, the nonprofit political organization formed by Republican Lt. Gov. Mary

## MARY TAYLOR COMMITTEE RAISED \$146,500 LAST YEAR

state that twice elected him governor.

but he can take some comfort in the fact that he's doing far better than any of them in the Ohio Gov. John Kasich may not be leading most other presidential candidates in fundraising,

## KASICH GETS MOST OF HIS CAMPAIGN CASH FROM OHIO

in the New Hampshire primary one week from today.

A couple of surprises from the Iowa caucuses could affect how Ohio Gov. John Kasich fares in the New Hampshire primary one week from today.

## CAMPAGN SAYS

### OHIO POLITICS NOW: THE REAL RACE BEGINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, KASICH

out to voters.

Now that people are finally going to start voting (or caucusing as the case is in Iowa today) we get a look at how much the presidential candidates have to get their word

### OHIO POLITICS NOW: A LOOK AT IOWA AND BEYOND TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

in New Hampshire, and his schedule reflects it.

It's do or die for Ohio Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign over the next week

## KASICH TO MAKE HEAVY PUSH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AHEAD OF PRIMARY

Ohio's spending on public preschool programs increased this year, like most states.

## OHIO'S HIGHER PRESCHOOL SPENDING STILL LAGS MOST STATES

The sponsor of legislation that would have banned the sale of "puppy mill" animals in Grove City withdrew the proposal Monday night, owing to come up with "a clean ordinance."

## GROVE CITY SENDS PUPPY MILL BILL BACK FOR MORE WORK

Ohio Gov. John Kasich knows his presidential campaign won't survive a poor showing in next week's New Hampshire primary, and his schedule reflects it.

## THE PLAIN DEALER

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

JOHN KASICH'S TEAM ON IOWA CAUCUS FINISH: THE REAL RACE BEGINS IN

IOWA IN THE BOOKS, NEW HAMPSHIRE IS NEXT, AND JOHN KASICH IS ALREADY

LOOKING TO SOUTH CAROLINA: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES JOIN JOHN KASICH ON NEW HAMPSHIRE

CAMPAGN TRAIL: WHAT TO WATCH FOR TUESDAY

With the Iowa caucuses over, many presidential candidates will spend Tuesday in New

Hampshire, including Republicans Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and

Donald Trump, as well as Democrats Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders.

## THE ENQUIRER

**CUYAHOGA GOP OFFICIAL**

REPUBLICAN LOBBYING FIRM OPENS CLEVELAND OFFICE, HIRING TOP

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A Republican lobbying firm with Cleveland roots is expanding its presence here by opening a Playhouse Square office and hiring Cuyahoga County's top GOP official.

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IN NH, KASICH ADDS LEAD TO ANGST

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CVS TO SELL OVERDOSE ANTIDOTE TO ANYONE

Gov. John Kasich has started his final week in New Hampshire, banking on a breakout

performance for his presidential aspirations.

KASICHI DIGS IN FOR FINAL STRETCH IN NH.

## THE BLADE

**PRIMARY EFFORT**

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to take down negative advertisements.

**CantonREP.com**

heroin addict.

Christa Lammer told a packed audience of politicians, local law enforcement, health-care workers, and substance abuse officials Monday that her brother Jeffrie Shirey, 37, was a

## OHIO HIGH COURT PACKS DRILLING RIGHTS IN YEARS-LONG CASE

A years-long battle over oil and gas leases ended last month when the Ohio Supreme Court upheld contract language that underpins drilling rights on thousands of properties across the state.

The court's decision upholds a provision in contracts between oil companies and landowners that limits the amount of water companies can withdraw from wells.

**ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER HELPS KASICH CAMPAIGN WITH MAX DONATION**

Republican Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign committee and the independent organization supporting him spent \$11.4 million during the final three months of last year as part of his effort to finish among the top three contenders in next week's New Hampshire primary.

**EDITORIAL: STATE LEGISLATOR BELITTLES OPPONENT**

The photo caught our eye, not only because we thought it was cute, but also because it showed the dedication state Rep. Christina Hagan, R-Marlboro Township, has for her job.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS, must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

put family first. The individual should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 paid leave to new mothers. Only two states, California and New Jersey, offer paid leave to Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide or address their own serious health condition.

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TO: All House Members  
FROM: Represenative Christine Kuhns and Representative Jamie Boyd  
DATE: February 18, 2016  
RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave

## MEMORANDUM



Ohio House of Representatives

Subject: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave  
To: House All  
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 3:28 PM  
From: Maxwell, Dan

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. Employees will be remitted for at least one year, and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater than than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

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Can you help corral these today.

Dustin,

Subject: Re: Bills  
<Scott.Lundregan@ohiohouse.gov>  
To: Russell, Dustin [Dustin.Russell@ohiohouse.gov]; Lundregan, Scott  
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 8:25 AM  
From: Kasych, Shawna  
-----Original Message-----

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HB 347 (McCollie, Brinkman)

Subject: RE: Bills  
To: Kasych, Shawna; Russell, Dustin  
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 6:03 PM  
From: Lundregan, Scott

> Any land mines you see from legal side on the agenda for next week. Also, please put together snap  
for CAF.

> On Feb 19, 2016, at 7:27 AM, Kasych, Shawna <[Shawna.Kasych@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Shawna.Kasych@ohiohouse.gov)> wrote:

> Good morning team,

> The following bills will be on the floor next week. Please help me confirm my votes on these bills.  
I'm doing this all on the fly.

> Please prepare and process your respective bill briefs. Also, please see examples of snapshots. For  
each bill I would appreciate a similar style snapshot put together for these bills.

> Policy Calendar

> Thanks guys!

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> Tuesday, February 23rd

> Caucuses - 10:00AM - 11:00AM

> Session - 11:00AM

> Floor Calendar

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> H.B. 305 - Rep. Schuring - Reported from Finance Committee (23-0)

> Removes non-teaching staff from University of Akron from STRS/SERS and  
places them in PERS / Jason Grecko Act backdating

> (9-0) Right To Try - permits terminally ill patients to take drugs  
being clinically tested

> H.B. 290 - Reps. Sprague/Angelski - Reported from Health and Aging  
Committee (9-0) Names September "Hunger Action Month"

> H.B. 325 - Reps. Green/O'Brien - Reported from Health Committee (9-0)

> Maidens Law - promotes pregnant women with addiction problems to seek  
treatment services

> H.B. 241 - Reps. Grossman/Curtin - Reported from State Government  
Committee (9-0) Names May as "Asthma Awareness Month" and May 5th as "Childhood Asthma  
Awareness Day"

> S.B. 124 - Sen. Thomas - Reported from Health and Aging Committee

> employment/services

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Awareness Day"

> H.C.R. 21 - Reps. Romanchuk/Antonio - Reported from Health and Aging

> (15-0) Request guidance from federal government on DD

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## THANKS GUYS

Scott,

- > S.B. 3 - Sens. Faber/Hite - Pending in House Education Education
  - > Floor Calendar
  - > Session - 1:30PM
  - > Caucus - 12:30PM - 1:30PM
  - > Wednesday - February 24th
- > H.B. 240 - Reps. Johnson/Huffman - Reported from Local Government (9-0)
  - > Committee (9-0) County coroner law revisions
- > H.B. 387 - Reps. Dever/Terhar - Reported from Local Government (13-0)
  - > Small claims court revisions
- > H.B. 355 - Reps. Grossman/Craig - Reported from Judiciary (15-0)
  - > Revisions to local jurisdiction over traffic fines and fees
- > S.B. 181 - Sens. Oelsager/Schabivoni - Reported from Judiciary
  - > Committee (15-0) LLC modernization
- > H.B. 415 - Rep. Schuring - Reported from FHUD Committee (9-0) Credit union loans through bank deposit
  - > S.B. XX - Sens. Balderson/Peterson - Pending in Transportation Small claims court revisions
- > H.B. 235 - Rep. Terhar
  - > Small claims court revisions
  - > Snapshots
- > House Bill 235 is a common sense bill that simply waives the license fee for a concealed handgun license for members of the military (active, reserve, retired, honorably discharged) and permits regardless of the date they left the military. Additionally, it allows a CHL holder to renew their license at any time before the expiration of their license instead of 90 days before expiration.
- > The bill is supported by AMVETS and the VFW. The bill received three hearings in State Government Committee Committee and was reported unanimously.
- > H.B. 317 - Rep. Magag
  - > Small claims court revisions
- > House Bill 317 sponsored by Rep. Ron Magag builds off current law in regards to freezing of consumer credit. Currently, any adult (any person over 16 years of age) can freeze his or her credit. This capability helps protect individuals from identity thieves who often times destroy their victim's credit. A parent or guardian can also freeze their child's credit, only after a theft incident occurs.
- > House Bill 317 will allow parents and guardians to be proactive in respect to a minor's credit freezing. The bill simply revises current law, by stipulating that this "freeze" can happen at any time >

> Ohio law currently authorizes psychologists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed physicians,  
 > House Bill 217 sponsored by Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl continues to promote the expansion of scope  
 of practices for advanced practitioner nurses. These expansions have had a positive impact on patient  
 satisfaction and often times can help lead to lower healthcare costs for patients.  
 > H.B. 217 – Rep. Ruhl

> The bill received support in the Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development Committee  
 from the Ohio Attorney General, and the Consumer Data Industry Association. The bill was reported  
 unanimously.

> Up until the minor is 16 years old, at which time they would be responsible for their own  
 “freezing” of credit.

> Ohio law currently authorizes psychologists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed physicians,  
 > House Bill 58 sponsored by Reps. Sheehy and Cera. This bill has been in operation since 2004 and currently provides that drivers of  
 motor vehicles either change lanes or slow down when approaching a stationary public safety vehicle,  
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 > Ohio’s Move Over Law has been in operation since 2004 and currently provides that drivers of  
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 > H.B. 58 – Reps. Sheehy and Cera

> The bill was reported unanimously from the House Health and Aging Committee and received  
 support from the Ohio Nurses Association and the Advanced Practitioner Nurses Association. The bill  
 was opposed.

> H.B. 58 – Reps. Sheehy and Cera simply adds “waste collection vehicles”  
 (garbage trucks) that display flashing lights to the list of vehicles covered under the Move Over Law.  
 The bill was reported unanimously from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
 (15-0) and received no opposition.

> Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kasych, Shawna  
**To:** Michael.dovilla@gmail.com; Peleanda, Dorothy  
**CC:** Dittoe, Michael  
**Subject:** Additional Whip

Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2016 10:08 AM

Shawn Kasych  
Majority Policy Director  
614.466.0863

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On Feb 20, 2016, at 10:07 AM, Kasych, Shawn <[Shawn.Kasych@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Shawn.Kasych@ohiohouse.gov)> wrote:

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I'm sorry for the confusion.

Actually. Please hold off on this whip for right now. At this time we do not need a whip.

Subject: Re: Additional Whip

CC: Dittie, Michael

To: michael.dovilla@gmail.com; Peleanda, Dorothy

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From: Gongwer News Service  
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 6:56 PM  
To: Kasych, Shawn  
Subject: Ohio Report, Monday, February 22, 2016  
Attachments: Feb22House.htm; Feb22.htm; Feb22Senate.htm;  
160222dayplan.htm

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Former Lawmakers Look To Replace Faber in The Senate  
After One Candidate Drops Out, Three Republicans Face Off in House  
District 47 Primary  
Kasich Jostles With Rubio For Bush Donors Following SC; Graham, Sabato  
Mull Potential Rubio-Kasich Ticket  
Politcs Notebook: Kasich Draws Attention For 'Kitchen' Remark, Signs PP  
Defund Bill; Poll Shows 74% Of Ohioans Support Medical Pot...  
Capitol Scene: Chabria To Leave Gov's Office, Join ORP; Staff Changes  
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House Activity for Monday, February 22, 2016

**COMMISSION ELIMINATION (Brown, I.)** To formally abolish certain boards and commissions that have completed their work and to sublimate the Commission with Ohio Cities Task Force.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY (strahorn, E.)** To unfreeze the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction, to permit changes in and Public Utilities Commission action on electric distribution utility portfolio plans in 2016, to revise the setback requirement for economically significant wind farms, and to repeal the setback requirement for wind farms of fifty megawatts or more.

**AWARENESS DAY/MONTH** (Thomas, C.) To designate May as "Asthma Awareness Month" and to designate May 5 as "Childhood Asthma Awareness Day." SB 124

**TERMINAL PATIENTS (Sprague, R., Anilewski, M.)** To permit a physician to treat a terminally ill patient with a drug that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and permit a drug manufacturer to provide such a drug to the patient or physician.

**RETRIEVEMENT SYSTEMS (Schurting, K.)** To include new noteaching employees of The University of Akron as members in the Public Employees Retirement System and to make an application for the University's School Employees Retirement System employees to make an appropriate surcharge payments.

HB 305

HB 325

DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT (Green, D., O'Brien, S.) Regarding

encouraging pregnant women who are addicted to controlled substances to seek treatment.

HCR 21

DD EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (Romanchuk, M., Antoniou, N.) To urge the

Congress of the United States to request that the federal Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services revise its guidance on employment services

for individuals with developmental disabilities to maintain their right to

participate in programs offered by facility-based day programs, training

centres and sheltered workshops.

(Enacted)

ABORTION (Patterson, B., Condit, M.) To require the Department of Health

to ensure that state funds and certain federal funds are not used either to

perform or promote nontherapeutic abortions, or to contract or affiliate with

any entity that performs or promotes nontherapeutic abortions, to provide for

health departments and WIC clinics to determine presumptive eligibility for

pregnant women and children; and to allocate existing funding within the Ohio

Department of Health's budget to the Ohio Association of Community Health

Centers for safe sleep, birth spacing, and smoking cessation initiatives.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 294

(Enacted)

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Signed: February 21, 2016

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reciprocity program that would allow students to enroll in programs at other becoming the 10th state to join the Midwest Exchange Program, which is a tuition

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a possible strategy to reducing student loan debt.  
Requiring the Department of Education to study income-sharing agreements as

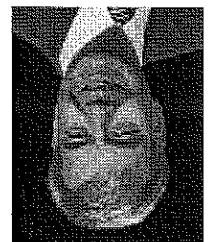
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introduce on Tuesday include:  
Additional provisions in the bill that Rep. Tim Brown (R-Bowling Green) is expected to

"Controlling college costs to ensure that more Ohioans can obtain a college degree or credit remains a top priority for Governor Kasich and the General Assembly."

"The issue of college affordability is more important than ever. Across the country, the cost of college has far outpaced consumer price index and even healthcare costs. That cost has put the American dream of a college degree out of reach for a growing number of students and families. This is unacceptable," Mr. Carey said.

John Carey



Among other MBR provisions Chancellor John Carey announced at a press event at Lorain County Community College, universities would be required to implement a task force on affordability and efficiency in higher education. (Fact Sheet)

The proposal would allow community colleges to offer up to 10 bachelors degrees college credit for math and English remediation courses. Programs and would create a pilot program in which high school students can receive college credit for math and English remediation courses.

The administration continues its focus on lowering the cost of college degrees in a higher education mid-biennium review plan unveiled Monday.

**Higher Education MBR Expands Community College Options, Implements Affordability Recommendations**  
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- Creating more “3+1” pathways between two- and four-year institutions so that students are studying at cheaper community colleges longer.
- Joining a partnership with the Western Governors University to award degrees in four areas based on competency and not just the amount of time spent in the classroom.
- Joining Mr. Carey were higher education leaders who applauded the plans to expand pushing collaboration between universities and colleges.
- Other speakers included: Lorain County Community College President Roy Church; Sinclair Community College President Steve Johnson; Ray Craig, dean of Bowling Green State University’s College of Arts and Sciences; Frank Calzonetti, vice president of government affairs at the University of Toledo; Sen. Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville); Mr. Church said students at his two-year institution have saved millions of dollars and shaved years off their higher education careers by taking at least 75% of their classes there before earning a bachelor’s degree from a university.
- In particular, they spoke to the success of 3+1 programs and pointed at the MBR plans as a necessary step toward bringing the initiative to scale statewide.

“You can use College Credit Plus and 3+1 and we can assure you that you can graduate with a bachelor’s degree by age 20 at less than 20% of the cost of taking that same baccalaureate degree if you had to leave Lorain County and go to (a university offering a) four-year degree,” he said. “It’s not saying one pathway is better than another, it’s saying we need all the pathways we can get in Ohio.”

Universities are also supportive of plans to move students more quickly through higher education and at a lower cost, Mr. Craig said.

Bowling Green has been among those schools offering a 3+1 program for more than a decade and CCP has brought some first generation students to the university that may have never pictured themselves there otherwise, he said.

“We’ve been doing this already for well over a decade. We know that it works. It can be successful for our citizens, our universities and community colleges,” Mr. Craig said.

Messers. Church and Craig said they’re hopeful that state support for the program will give it the push it needs to mount in the same way dual enrollment has since the Department of Higher Education and ODE began pushing CCP last year.

However, the Monday meeting was canceled late last week and Tuesday's has been moved to 2 p.m. The bill and a presentation from the Department of Education were removed from the agenda of the latter meeting.

Chairman Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) said last week that the measure (SB 3) would see "quite a few" changes over the course of back-to-back meetings scheduled for Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 19, 2016)

A bill slated for a report card scores, has been pulled from the House Education Committee's harmless for report card scores, including holding charter school sponsors accountable for a number of revisions, including holding charter school sponsors

### **Educational Deregulation Bill Amendments On Hold, Chairman Says**

"Certainly providing really good, high-quality choices is great because the state needs to focus on bridging its education gap," Mr. Johnson added.

"Overall, I think that we appreciate the chancellor's focus on affordability and access and we think that a large and growing percentage of students who are entering public institutions of higher education are choosing public universities and that's because of their evaluation of the value that public universities provide," he said in an interview.

Inter-University Council of Ohio President Bruce Johnson said the organization is still examining the proposals to determine its stance, but is supportive of the administration's ongoing efforts to expand higher education options.

"These reforms proposed today shine the light on a pathway that has emerged under Governor Kasich that allows students to obtain a degree from their favorite university, while saving up to 80% off the traditional cost of attendance by completing as much of their coursework as possible at a community college," he said in a statement. "The ability for middle class families, single parents, and working adults to obtain a debt-free college degree is once again a reality in Ohio."

When the MBR plan was revealed, Jack Hershey, president of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, also touted its potential benefits.

"This is the kind of policy bill that will help us move forward," Mr. Johnson said, referring to Lumina Foundation research that has determined Ohio needs to increase its percentage of residents with a post-secondary degree from 35% to 65% to fill job demands in the coming years.

Twenty-five other states permit community colleges to offer advanced degrees, he said. Mr. Johnson added that community colleges offering bachelor's degrees that aren't available at nearby universities will also be beneficial because it will allow them to offer credentials in career fields that are specific to the region.

tenure in the legislature, said he has always been drawn to public service. Mr. Huffman, a private attorney who rose to the ranks of speaker pro tem more in his first

to contact him. Mr. Adams, a businessman and former Navy SEAL, did not respond to multiple attempts

along with portions of Auglaize, Logan and Darke counties. Matt Huffman and John Adams, both of whom left the House in 2014 due to term limits, are running for the seat that comprises Allen, Champaign, Shelby and Mercer counties.

## Former Lawmakers Look To Replace Faber In The Senate

In its original state, the measure is aimed at rewarding high-performing school districts by releasing them from some state requirements. The chairwoman added that she's supportive of plans to provide safe harbor for charter school sponsors from state report card grades as long as it's only for the 2014-15 school year.

"I haven't heard of anything that's giving me heartburn," she said of potential updates to the so-called education de-regulation bill. "I know that there have been efforts to put some things in but to my knowledge they're not going in the bill and therefore I'm fine with it."

Sen. Peggy Lehner, the Senate Education Committee chairwoman who was behind a number of the HB2 provisions, said attempts to water them down have been unsuccessful.

"There is a discussion of some other issues around equivalency, but that goes back to prior legislation," he said.

Despite reports that the proposals would seek to weaken recently enacted charter school overhauls, Rep. Brenner said he doesn't think that's the case. The chairman was reluctant to reveal what the planned omnibus amendment will include or what proposals are proving to be the most contentious, but said changes will address policy decisions made in the last year.

"Hopefully we'll get the issues resolved between now and when we come back," he said in an interview.

The delay is caused by a desire on behalf of the legislature and the administration to continue working on the bill before any changes are made public, Rep. Brenner said. He expects any disagreements to be resolved by the time the House returns to session the week of March 14.

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“We can’t fill jobs,” he said. “We have jobs that are going unfilled.”

If elected, Mr. Huffman said he hopes to boost manufacturing in the district through increased vocational training and remove disincentives to work.

“We understand that in bad times people lose their jobs and they need a little bit of a boost,” he said, but added, “Everybody has to do a job at some point in their life that they don’t like.”

More educational dollars should be spent on vocational training and less should be spent on welfare programs, according to Mr. Huffman.

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Mr. Huffman also said he will push for a more business-friendly climate in Ohio by fighting efforts to raise revenues through what he deems as backdoor tax increases – retroactive fines, penalties, things of that nature,” he said.

“There should never be a surprise from the government that money is owed by a business, especially when there is a newly acquired business,” he said.

Providing clarity in the rule-making process and moving from an income tax to a sales tax are also priorities of Mr. Huffman.

During his first stint in the legislature, Mr. Huffman said one of his crowning achievements was the passage of legislation to standardize contracts between health care providers and insurance companies (HB125, 127th General Assembly). He said the law could likely use some updating.

“Six years since that bill was passed there’s been a lot of backsliding in that regard,” he said.

Mr. Huffman, who considers himself to be a “small government, pro-low tax, pro-life, pro-second amendment Republican,” believes he has a proven track record of getting things done in the Statehouse that would be of value to the legislature.

“You can be whatever you say you want to be, but you also have to be effective,” he said. “That’s why we’re able to pass a pretty conservative agenda.”

During his tenure in the House, Mr. Adams was considered among the more right-leaning members of a conservative majority under then-Speaker Bill Batchelder. He was elected twice to serve in caucus leadership.

District 47 Primary
No Democrat filed to run for the heavily Republican seat.
Outside of his General Assembly activities, Mr. Adams served as the Ohio legislative chair of American Legislative Exchange Council.
This anti-abortion efforts included a bill to require paternal consent for abortions (HB252, 128th General Assembly).
Along with the usual conservative causes such as tax cuts and anti-abortion initiatives, Mr. Adams was a staunch proponent of oil and gas drilling in parks and other state lands and sponsored legislation to that effect (HB133, 129th General Assembly).
After One Candidate Drops Out, Three Republicans Face Off in House
An ex-mayor, a school board member, and a Toledo business owner are elbowing for a shot at the 47th House District seat occupied by term limited Rep. Barbara Sears (R-Maumee).
A fourth GOP contender - Monclova Township trustee and Mercy St. Vincent Foundation Development Director Barbara Lang - last month dropped out of the race following discussions with party leaders, saying a crowded primary is not in voters' best interest.
Among the remaining candidates are realtor and former Waterville Mayor Derek Merrin, who has earned endorsements from Rep. Sears, Rep. Rob McCollum (R-Napoleon), and Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green), served on the Waterville City Council between 2007-2008.
The trio of GOP candidates spoke in interviews about their goals for the district if elected.
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He was first elected in 2007, serving a three-term Democrat and becoming the message of fiscal conservatism and open government.
Youngest mayor in Ohio at the time when he took office in 2008. He credits that win to a "government as a strong fiscal conservative who opposed tax increases," he said. "I implemented many cost savings reforms. I'm a strong believer we must empower our local officials by addressing state laws that restrict their ability to govern."

After his term ended and he decided not to seek reelection, he spent four years working for the state auditor's office and is now a realtor and real estate investor.

"My number one priority will be creating an environment that ignites Ohio's economic engine," he said. "I believe our state needs pro-growth reforms to our tax code, regulatory rules, and legislation that furthers individual freedoms."

Mrs. Lyle has served on the Sylvania school board since 2004 and owns a business specializing in health insurance and benefit consulting.

She said her experience as a school board member overseeing a district with an \$82 million budget has given her an appreciation for public office and the accountability that comes with it.

"We're expected to keep ourselves fiscally solvent and responsible and accountable in a transparent way to the community," she said. "All of those critical pieces are part of what standardizes testing and "teaching to the test." Other priorities include better matching job opportunities with potential workers and addressing the financial burden she said is placed on individuals and businesses to secure healthcare.

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If elected, she said, she'd focus on being open and accessible to constituents.

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"If we restore the local government fund in a way that would go to each community - I'm not going to give it to the counties - I'm going to ask a lot of people give us your budget but also institute new accountability measures to monitor how those funds are used.

He said he wants to reverse cuts to the local government fund enacted in recent years,

"For me, it's not about the job, not about the money," he said. "It's about fixing the state up before it gets wiped out."

After being elected township trustee in 2009, Mr. Haddad lost reelection in 2013. He previously mounted a failed bid as an independent in 2012 for a county commissioner seat. After finding difficulty winning local races as a conservative, he said, he believes he'll have greater odds in a Statehouse race.

Mr. Haddad is a former president of the Township Association of Lucas County. He's also a real estate owner and for 40 years owned and operated a Toledo hair salon.

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**Subscribers Note:** These stories are part of a series on contested primaries heading into the March 15 election. Updated candidate lists and related information are available on the Gongwer Elections Page.

"When I was a trustee, I worked conservatively," Mr. Haddad said. "I can foresee the future on a lot of issues and I look at every angle of it and I make sure it's done as properly and accurately as possible so we don't have any problems."

He criticized Mr. Merrin for his handling, while mayor, of an ordinance that would have barred sex offenders from living in certain parts of the city. The ordinance, which Mr. Haddad contends would have concentrated sex offenders in a handful of neighborhoods, was later scrapped by the city council in a 6-1 vote in 2008 following public opposition.

Mr. Haddad said he was able to pass three of his four priorities as a township trustee and that several cost saving measures he proposed were voted down by other trustees.

"We take every opportunity to be judicious and fiscally responsible and conservative as we can; we value and appreciate the taxpayers' investment," she said. "But we also understand we are limited in our options of how to raise revenue - of which that is one. So it is the voters who decide, not the school board, as to whether (an increase in) taxes will be put in place."

Like with all school levies, she said, it's not the school board approving the property tax increase but the voters. She said she would prefer no taxes be increased, but that the board is forced to act within the confines of the current funding system.

Mrs. Lytle, in response, said her opponent was likely referring to a series of school levies voters had approved during her time on the school board. She said the board worked to ensure citizen comments were received when weighing potential cost savings efforts and levy proposals.

"I'm the only candidate that has consistently opposed tax increases as an elected official," he said.

"I'm the only conservative that is running," Mr. Merrin said, claiming that his opponents each "have a record of voting and supporting increased taxes."

Mr. Merrin alleges his two opponents aren't conservatives and said he has widespread support in the district. He said he wants to better control government spending while lowering taxes.

He said he'd push for an elimination of school levies, which he contends are "illegal and unconstitutional."

and were going to audit you to make sure you spent that money properly on those issues," he said.

## Kasich Joins With Rubio For Bush Donors Following SC; Graham, Sabato Mull Potential Rubio-Kasich Ticket

Unlike Gov. Bush, the Kasich camp made clear early on it did not have high hopes for South Carolina, instead preferring to lay groundwork in friendlier upcoming Midwestern states like Michigan. Mr. Bush announced Saturday night he was suspending his campaign, a move that enabled Kasich backers to tout their candidates as the last

Kasich for America Chief Strategist John Weaver said the South Carolina results show the field has been winnowed to a four man race and that Gov. Kasich has emerged

victorious from the "governor's bracket."

"Only four candidates have top-three finishes in any of the early states and can justify staying in," he said. "While others were making their last stand in South Carolina, John Kasich strengthened his organization and support - despite being outspent by tens of millions of dollars. He also focused on the key states ahead for us, like Michigan, where he is currently second, Massachusetts and Vermont."

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The Kasich campaign is banking on a successful showing in Michigan, where a weekend American Research Group poll ranked him in second at 17%, above Sens. Rubio and Cruz, who were each at 12%.

Sen. Rubio won a narrow second-place victory at 22.5%, followed by Sen. Ted Cruz at 22.3%. Gov. Kasich fell just short of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who came in fourth with 7.8%. Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson earned 7.2% of the vote.

With the field narrowing, Gov. Kasich is expected to face increasing calls to withdraw in an effort to consolidate support behind Sen. Rubio among establishment figures who hope to mount an effort to thwart Mr. Trump and Sen. Cruz from landing the nomination. Gov. Kasich's continued presence may siphon support that might otherwise be thrown at the freshman senator from Florida.

Kasich Gains/Loses Endorsements: On Sunday, the Columbus Dispatch reported that Kasich campaign Colorado co-chair B.J. Nikkel is endorsing Sen. Rubio. The paper quoted the former state lawmaker as saying "it's time for conservatives of conscience to rally behind the one man who can defeat New York billionaire Donald Trump."

"Mr. Druckemiller confirmed in an email that he was supporting Mr. Kasich, but did not collaborate," the paper reported. "Last year, he donated more than \$450,000 to groups supporting Mr. Kasich, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey and former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida."

The Kasich campaign Sunday announced it has hired Mike Schimmpf, formerly chief communicator for Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, to oversee its communication outreach. Kelly Knott, former chief of staff to former U.S. Majority Leader Dick Armey has been hired as the campaign's senior policy adviser.

It remains to be seen who, if anyone, Mr. Bush might endorse. A Politico report Sunday cited those close to Mr. Bush as saying a Kasich endorsement was "unlikely." But an endorsement of Sen. Rubio might also be a stretch considering the pair's increasingly contentious relationship on the campaign trail in recent months.

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Subsequent video of the full remark added context, showing that Gov. Kasich went on to say that campaign occurred "all the way back when things were different. Now you call homes and everybody's out working. But at that time, early days, it was an army of the women that really helped me get elected to the state Senate."

The initial video, posted by a YouTube account that has released a handful of previous anti-Kasich videos, did not show how Mr. Kasich concluded the remark.

"We just got an army of people and many women who left their kitchens to go out and go door to door and put yard signs up for me," he said according to video that first caught attention.

The governor made the remark during a town hall in Fairfax, Va., as he sought to explain how he was elected to the Ohio Senate in 1978.

Remarks from Gov. John Kasich on women leaving their kitchens to campaign for him drew quick backlash Monday, one day after the governor signed a bill to "defund" Planned Parenthood in Ohio.

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Politicians**

In a Monday Emerson poll of Massachusetts, conducted Feb. 19-21 with a 5.7 percentage point margin of error, Gov. Kasich placed third at 13%, behind Mr. Trump at 50% and Sen. Rubio at 16%.

"Our Super PAC's focus on the ground game is unique and, just as we did in New Hampshire, we fully expect our team to impact the race for the nomination," New Day spokesman Connie Wehrkamp said. "We are strategically placing our focus and resources where we can make the biggest impact and ensure John Kasich, the one Republican who can win in November, is our nominee."

Targeted states include Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Vermont, Virginia, Kentucky, Maine, Hawaii, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio and North Carolina.

The Kasich-backing Super PAC New Day for America on Monday announced the rollout of its national political operation which will involve more than 50 staff members and 14 officers across 12 March primary states.

After Nevada is a key March 1 date, when nine states hold primaries and three states hold caucuses in the so called SEC Primary. Primaries will be held that day in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. Alaska, Colorado and Minnesota have caucuses on March 1.

Coming Soon: GOP candidates will next focus on Nevada, where caucuses will be held on Tuesday. A CNN debate is scheduled for Thursday, though qualifying criteria have not yet been announced.

outlets.

Twitter users quickly seized upon the statement, followed closely by national media

Kasich for America spokesman Chris Schrimpf responded to the outcry, saying in a statement that the governor's campaigns have "literally been run out of his friends' kitchens and many of his early campaign teams were made up of stay-at-home moms who believed deeply in the changes he wanted to bring to them and their families."

"That's real grassroots campaigning and he's proud of that authentic support," Mr. Schrimpf said. "To try and twist his comments into anything else is just desperate politics."

The Ohio Democratic Party subsequently painted the governor as out of touch, accusing him of giving *Mad Men* television character and womanizer "Don Draper a run for his money."

The remarks came one day after the governor signed a bill (HB 294) to eliminate \$1.3 million in state funding to Planned Parenthood. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 10, 2016)

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund said the bill will have "devastating consequences for women" across the state.

"John Kasich is proudly eliminating care for expectant mothers and newborns; leaving thousands without vital STD and HIV testing, slashing a program to fight domestic violence, and cutting access to essential, basic health care," President Cecile Richards said. "It's clear Kasich has no regard for women's health or lives and will stop at nothing to slash health care for millions."

Ohio Right to Life, in contrast, praised the bill's signing.  
"Thanks to the pro-life leadership of Gov. Kasich and his work with Ohio Right to Life, Ohio's abortion industry is shrinking," ORTL President Mike Gonidakis said. "As Planned Parenthood haggles over the hearts and brains of aborted babies, Ohio Right to Life is marking history with legislation that is both ethically consistent and fiscally responsible."

Pot Amendment: A poll released Monday by Marijuana Policy Project showed nearly three-fourths of Ohio voters support amending the constitution to legalize medical marijuana for those with terminal or debilitating conditions.

The poll, conducted by Public Policy Polling, shows that 74% of voters support a proposed amendment, with 22% opposed, according to a news release. "It's become pretty common knowledge that marijuana can be incredibly beneficial in the treatment of a variety of medical conditions," Jason Vert, a spokesman for Ohioans for Medical Marijuana, a committee that has been formed to support MP's forthcoming ballot initiative, said in a statement.

Toledo woman who lived in the same apartment complex. The state's high court has set an execution date for a man convicted of the 2004 killing a

## Court Briefs: High Court Sets Execution Date; Visiting Judge To Hear Case; Web Site On Judicial Candidates Updated

Mr. Sittenfeld on Friday criticized Gov. Strickland for failing to show up to a Monday event at the Cleveland City Club where Mr. Sittenfeld had hoped the candidates would debate. Gov. Strickland has repeatedly rebuffed Mr. Sittenfeld's calls for debates, saying he'd prefer to focus on competing with Sen. Portman.

The former Gov. Ted Strickland and Cincinnati Councilman PG Sittenfeld are competing in the Democratic primary for the chance to unseat Sen. Portman.

The poll found the senator with a 30-39% approval rating, placing him "very much in the danger zone for reelection based on those low approval numbers," according to the group.

U.S. Senate Race: A poll from the Democratic polling outfit PPP shows U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) battling weak approval numbers.

Sen. Beagle is among more than a dozen GOP candidates vying for the seat in an upcoming special election. Sen. Beagle and Rep. Tim Erickson (R-Oxford) are the two most high-profile contenders.

8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) on Sunday announced he has earned the support of Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones and Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer in the race to succeed former U.S. Rep. John Boehner.

"Ohio's current marijuana policy is antiquated and inhumane," Mr. Tvert said. "We hope to give voters an opportunity to change that this November. We're confident that most Ohioans will support a well-written initiative that gives seriously ill people the right to use medical marijuana if their doctors recommend it."

Ohioans for Medical Marijuana is drafting a ballot initiative and expects to start the petition process later this month, according to the release. Another pro-marijuana group has already suspended its petition efforts in favor of supporting the MPF-backed proposal. (See Gonewer Ohio Report, February 19, 2016)

Republicans said they supported legalizing medical marijuana. According to the poll, 85% of self-identified Democrats and 69% of self-identified

"It's not surprising that a vast majority of voters agree patients should be allowed to consume it if their doctors think it could be helpful. There are few laws still on the books that are as unpopular as those that prohibit sick and dying people from accessing medical marijuana."

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Other partners in the non-profit web site include Chief Justice O'Connor, the League of Women Voters of Ohio, the Ohio Bar Association, the Ohio Newspaper Association and the Ohio Association of Broadcasters.

According to the chief justice, on average, about 25% of voters who go to the polls do not cast ballots for judicial candidates. In Cuyahoga County in 2012, she said, about 40% of voters neglected to vote for judicial candidates. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 11, 2016)

Judicial elections due to a lack of knowledge about the candidates, the court reported. Site was created in the wake of 2014 survey that found many Ohio voters do not vote in site by the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, the web

The web site provides biographical information on candidates and explanations on why they are running for a particular office, according to the court.

A total of 145 judicial seats will be on the ballot this year, including three Ohio Supreme Court seats, 27 court of appeals seats and 115 common pleas court seats.

Web Site Updated: Continuing the effort of Chief Justice O'Connor to create a more informed electorate when it comes to the judiciary, judicialvotescount.org has been updated to provide voters with information about the candidates that will be on the ballot this year, the court reported.

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced in the House that would end capital punishment in Ohio. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 27, 2015)

The state currently has 11 executions scheduled for 2017, eight scheduled for 2018 and six scheduled for 2019.

In October, the state pushed its earliest execution date back to 2017 due to difficulty in obtaining the drugs used for the lethal injection procedure. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 20, 2015)

"At this time, the state is incapable of properly executing the 25 people for whom execution dates have previously been set. It serves no rational purpose for this court to continue to set execution dates while significant logistical obstacles remain in place and more legal challenges are likely," Justice Paul Pfeifer wrote.

Justice Paul Pfeifer issued a dissent in the case. He was joined by Justice Terrence O'Donnell.

In a 5-2 decision issued with no opinion, the court set an Oct. 17, 2019 execution date for James Frazier.

Mr. Chabria has served as senior advisor to Mr. Kasich since he took office in 2011. That job entailed vetting Mr. Kasich's appointments, among other things. I am enormously grateful to Jai for his many years of friendship, counsel and outstanding public service to me and the people of Ohio." Mr. Kasich said in a statement. "While it is difficult to see Jai move on, I know that great things lie ahead for him in this next phase of his career. I look forward to our continued deep friendship."

Mr. Chabria's last day with the governor's staff is Friday. The Powell residents' job at DCRP was described by the party as "a senior position that will oversee the preparation and planning for the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July."

The world spotlight will be on Cleveland in July as our party nominates the next president of the United States. It's a tremendous opportunity for Ohio," ORP Chairman Matt Borges said. "Jai is a seasoned professional with top notch experience.

We are pleased to have him join our team as we plan and prepare for the convention."

Capitol Scene: Chabria To Leave Gov's Office, Join ORP; Staff Changes Announced At Buckeye Institute, ALGUD, HPIO

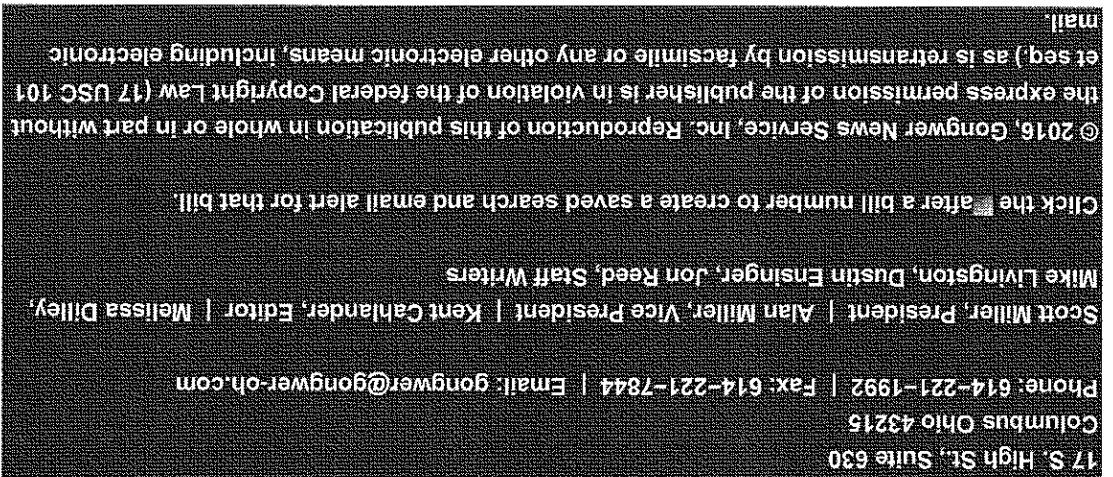
At issue in the case is whether a Dayton law firm can be sued for malpractice for failing to pursue claims that were not in the written agreement but were discussed between the law firm and the client and whether it can be sued for malpractice if it pursues a legal claim sought by the client, but withdraws it and advises the client to seek other counsel to pursue the claim or represent themselves, according to the court.

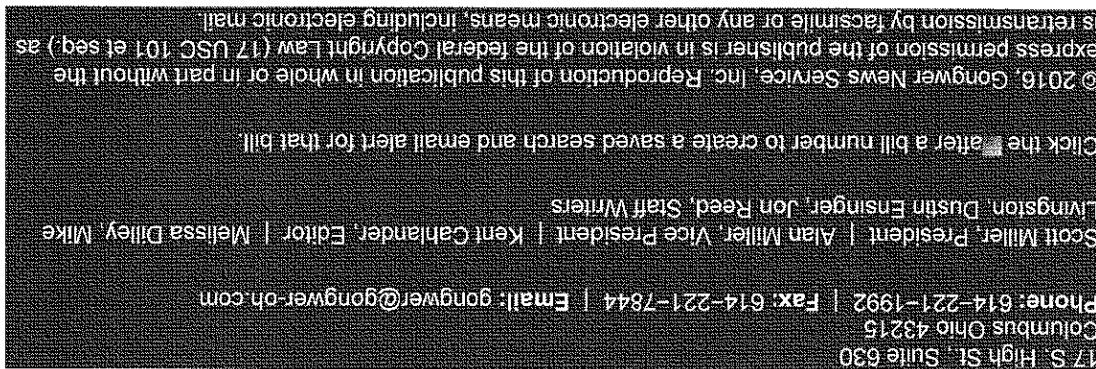
The case of Ratonel v. Roetzel & Andress will be heard before Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, who recused herself in the Schuster case.

<p><b>Buckeye Institute:</b> Daniel J. Dew has joined the staff of the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions as a full-time Criminal Justice Fellow, the group announced.</p> <p>A published author on criminal justice issues and a former Visiting Legal Fellow at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., Mr. Dew will focus on efforts to revise Ohio's criminal code and updating the state's civil asset forfeiture law, among other things, according to the institute.</p> <p>"Daniel is a national expert on criminal law, and we are pleased to bring him on to expand Buckeye's capacity to formulate sound criminal justice policy for Ohio that can be easily replicated in other states," institute President and CEO Robert Alt said in a release.</p>	<p><b>HPIO Hire:</b> Former state employee Rebecca Susteric has been hired as a policy analyst with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, the group announced recently.</p> <p>Reem Aly and Amy Bush Stevens have been promoted to vice president and Sarah Bollig Dorn has been promoted to manager, Health Policy and Education, the group said.</p> <p>Ms. Susteric was previously employed at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for three years, first as a health care policy analyst and more recently as manager of medical reimbursement and coding policy, according to HPIO. She holds degrees from Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University. Ms. Susteric also served as a Legislative Service Commission fellow in 2009.</p>
<p><b>Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated</b></p>	<p>Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.</p> <p>Subscribers interested in posting job openings on Gongwer's employment board can send job descriptions and other information to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com.</p>
<p><b>Supplemental Agency Update</b></p>	<p>Tuesday, February 23</p> <p>Wednesday, February 24</p> <p>Thursday, February 25</p> <p>Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room 1960, Columbus, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Ethics Commission, Rm. G, 3rd Fl., 30 E. Spring St., Columbus, 12 p.m.</p> <p>Supplemental Events Planner</p>
	<p>Ohio's Public Policy Institute</p>

Tuesday, February 23

Quinnipiac University to release poll of Ohio likely voters on presidential primary  
Ohio senators, faith leaders, others  
news conference on ending "pregnancy discrimination", Press Conf. Rm., Statehouse,  
Columbus, 11 a.m.





SB 260 ■ CAPITOL REAPPROPRIATIONS (Coley, B.) To make capital reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2018.  
Enacted)

Signed: February 21, 2016

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Sunset Review Committee: Appoint Sen. Coley to replace former Sen. Widener

Widener  
Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board: Appoint Sen. Petersen to replace former Sen.

Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures: Appoint Sen. Yuko and Carla Hicks

**SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPPOINTMENTS**  
**Senate Activity for Monday, February 22, 2016**



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House Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anileski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9

**BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE** (Patterson, J., Roggenkemper, K.) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**BODY CAMERAS** (Boyce, K., Grossman, C.) To require law enforcement

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the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property and to impose a fine for failure to do so. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & Interested Party)

HB 378  
TRAFFIC ARRESTS (Hambley, S., Rezabek, J.) To authorize law  
Opponent & interested party)  
a tow truck to conduct inspection, repair, or maintenance project (and holding

board of townshipship trustees may go into executive session, to permit a township to charge for recycling services, to reduce the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, to authorize a township to adopt a limit on the number of trustees, to provide underwriter recovery equipment for fire and rescue purposes, to authorize boards of townshipship trustees to pay for group life insurance for any employee, to make other changes to the townshipship laws, to allow taxing units to use the proceeds of a

HB 462	POLICE DISTRICT (Hagan, C., Sprague, R.) To establish a joint police district, to modify the membership of a joint police district governing body, to expand the offense of solicitation to also apply to a person who agrees with another to engage with the other person in sexual activity for hire, to provide that the "prescription exemption" from the drug possession offenses does not apply to a person who uses more of the drug than the maximum prescribed amount per day or the maximum amount to be used within the prescription that prescribes the drug to a person who is a manufacturer not prescribed by a physician or who administers naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)	Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Peterson, B., 466-8156), South Hearing RM., 9 a.m.
HB 9	TAX EXPENDITURES (Boose, T.) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)	SB 264
HB 233	REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (Schuring, K.) To authorize municipal corporations to create downtown redevelopment districts and innovation districts for the purposes of promoting the rehabilitation of historic buildings, creating jobs, encouraging economic development in commercial and mixed-use areas, and supporting grants and loans to technology-oriented and other businesses. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, 466-9628)	House Transportation & Infrastructure (Committee Record) (Chr. Boose, T., 466-9628), RM. 122, 9:30 a.m.
SB 182	ROAD NAMING (Balderson, T., Peterson, B.) To designate a portion of United States route twenty-three within Pickaway County as the "Army Specialist Gerald R. Jenkins Memorial Highway" and a portion of United States route sixty-two within Pickaway County as the "Army Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, 466-9628)	HB 461
	LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.) To establish the Cuyahoga Valley National Park license plate and to require a \$15 contribution for the issuance of the license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)	

HB 207	WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M., McColliey, R.)	To allow a state	fund employer to have a workers' compensation claim that is likely to be	subrogated by a third party paid from the surplus fund account in the state	insurance fund rather than charged to the employer's experience (1st	Senate Insurance (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), South Hearing Rm.,	10:30 a.m.
SB 273	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Bacon, K.)	To enact the Corporate	Governance Annual Disclosure Act (1st Hearing-Sponsor)	FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Pattton, I.)	To provide that a firefighter who is	disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of	the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire
SB 274	TAX EXEMPTION (Buchy, J.)	To exempt memberships to gyms or other	recreational facilities operated by nonprofit organizations from sales and use	taxation. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)	TAX CREDIT (Hill, B.)	To authorize a refundable income tax credit for	current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility
HB 334	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT (Zand Hearing-Propponent)	transportion equipment (2nd Hearing-Proponent)	or acquire manure application equipment or manure handling and	current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility	TAX CREDIT (Hill, B.)	To authorize a refundable income tax credit for	current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility
HB 297	HOUSE GOVERNMENT EQUIPMENT (Chr. Brown, T.)	House Government equipment (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T.)	transportion equipment (2nd Hearing-Proponent)	or acquire manure application equipment or manure handling and	current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility	TAX CREDIT (Hill, B.)	To authorize a refundable income tax credit for
HB 444	ALCOHOL SAMPLES (Blessing, L.)	To allow certain D liquor permit	holders to provide free tasting samples of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor to	a person who is 21 years old or older and a paying customer of the permit	holders. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)	LIQUOR LAWS (Perales, R., DeVitis, T.)	To increase the amount of
HB 351	HEARING-A	Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)	and to allow an A-3a liquor holder to obtain an A-1A liquor permit (6th	spirituous liquor that an A-3a liquor holder may annually manufacture	spirituous liquor to sell an A-3a liquor holder to obtain an A-1A liquor permit (6th	Hearing-A	Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 278	HUMANE SOCIETIES (Hambley, S.) To require approval by the board of county commissioners, instead of the probate judge, of appointments of agents by county humane societies outside a municipal corporation, to specify that a county humane society is a political subdivision, to make its directors, agents, officers, and employees subject to the Ethics Law, and to increase the salaries paid to the agents. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)	Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.	House Education (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), Rm. 121, 2 p.m. or after session	SB 383	FINANCIAL LITERACY (Hagan, C., McColliey, R.) To permit a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at a school district that is not the student's resident district under certain circumstances and to provide the Chanceller of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act."	HB 441	SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (McColliey, R.) To permit a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at a school district due to participation in the program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)	FINANCIAL LITERACY (Hagan, C., McColliey, R.) To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chanceller of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act."	HB 401	PRIVATE SCHOOLS (Brinkman, T.) With regard to requirements for chartered nonpublic schools. (3rd Hearing-Proponent)	TRUANCY (Rezabek, J., Hayes, B.) With regard to habitual and chronic truancy and compulsory school attendance. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)	Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Larose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session	HB 158	DISABILITY TERMS (Dever, J., House, S.) To change the variations of the term "mentally retarded" to "person with an intellectual disability." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)	Hearing-Sponsor)
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HB 222	TRANSPORT WORKER ASSAULTS (Dreheus, D., Peralta, R.) To increase the penalty for assault when the victim is an employee of an Ohio transit terminal or the mandatory immobilization order. (2nd Hearing-Proposed)
HB 436	DUI SENTENCES (Cupp, R., Rogers, J.) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the simultaneous death Act. (2nd Hearing-Proposed)
HB 432	ESTATE LAW (Rezabek, J.) To revise the law governing decedents' estates by making changes in the Ohio Trust Code, the Probate Law, the Uniform Principal and Income Act, the Transfers to Minors Act, and the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act. (2nd Hearing-Proposed)
HB 439	VOYEURISM (Anilewski, M.) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexuality-oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. (2nd Hearing-Proposed)
HB 451	PROTECTION ORDERS (Boose, T.) To provide that an individual's statutory priority to decide whether or not to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment for the individual's relative is forfeited if the individual is the subject of a temporary protection order or civil protection order and the relative is the alleged victim or if the individual and the relative are married and the parties to a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment proceeding. (2nd Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
HB 446	OVI OFFENSES (Manning, N.) To specify that the prison term that may be imposed for a third degree felony operating a vehicle while intoxicated ("OVI") is a definite period of twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty-six, forty-two, forty-eight, fifty-four, or sixty months, to add "harmful intoxicant" to the definition of "drug of abuse" for the purposes of commercial drivers, suspended driver's license under specified laws, and to specify that certain enhanced penalties for speeding violations apply regardless of whether the defendant previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to speeding. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
SB 215	VEHICLE FORCIBLE ENTRY (Hauges, J., L Rose, E.) To grant a person immunity from civil liability for any damage resulting from the forcible entry of a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing a minor or an animal from the vehicle because the minor or the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
HB 347	CIVIL FORFEITURES (McCollum, R., Brinkman, T.) To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures. (7th Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)
HB 242	DAY DESIGNATION (Hagan, C., Dever, J.) To designate the fourth Sunday of July as Blue Star Mothers Day. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
House Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.	House Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.

HB 388	<p><b>LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY (DeVitis, T.)</b> To require that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle is required to display a license plate on the rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense, to establish a maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense, and to amend the version of section 4503.21 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date. (3rd Hearing-Possible vote)</p> <p><b>OVI OFFENSES (Scheerer, G.)</b> To authorize a court to grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device to first-time OVI offenders, to expand the penalties related to ignition interlock device violations, to modify the law governing the installation and monitoring of ignition interlock devices, to extend the look back period for OVI and OVI-related offenses from six to ten years, and to modify the penalties for OVI offenses. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)</p> <p><b>Sunset Review Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), South亥</b></p>
HB 104	<p><b>LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY (DeVitis, T.)</b> To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front and rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense, to establish a maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense, and to amend the license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a license plate on the rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense.</p> <p><b>OVI OFFENSES (Scheerer, G.)</b> To authorize a court to grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device to first-time OVI offenders, to expand the penalties related to ignition interlock device violations, to modify the law governing the installation and monitoring of ignition interlock devices, to extend the look back period for OVI and OVI-related offenses from six to ten years, and to modify the penalties for OVI offenses. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)</p>
HB 295	<p><b>LICENSE PLATE (Ruhl, M.)</b> To create the "Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal" license plate. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)</p> <p><b>LICENSE PLATE IDENTIFICATION (Anileksik, M., Terhaar, L.)</b> To authorize county recorders to issue Ohio veterans identification cards. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute &amp; vote)</p>
HB 173	<p><b>VETERAN IDENTIFICATION (Anileksik, M., Terhaar, L.)</b> To authorize county recorders to issue Ohio veterans identification cards. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute &amp; vote)</p> <p><b>LICENSE PLATE (Ruhl, M.)</b> To create the "Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal" license plate. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)</p> <p><b>LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY (DeVitis, T.)</b> To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front and rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense, to establish a maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense, and to amend the license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a license plate on the rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense.</p>
HB 363	<p><b>JUVENILE HEARINGS (Reece, A.)</b> To require restraints to be removed from an alleged or adjudicated delinquent child prior to the commencement of a juvenile hearing or proceeding unless the court determines that the use of restraints is necessary to prevent physical harm to the child or another person or to prevent the child from escaping. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)</p> <p><b>House Armed Services, Veterans &amp; Public Safety (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m.</b></p>

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and Advisory Panel of the Lupus Educational and Awareness Program,  
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Physician Loan Repayment Board, Radiation Advisory Council, The  
Director of Health's Advisory Group on Violent Deaths, The Director of Health's  
Committee on Concussions and Head Injuries Sustained by Athletes, Council to  
Advise on the Establishment and Implementation of the Birth Defects  
Information System and Ohio Medical Quality Foundation  
Board of Landscape Architects, 77 S. High St., 31st Flr. Board Room, Columbus, 9  
a.m.  
Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation,  
Office, 100 S. High St., Hillsboro, 11:30 a.m. (Educational Subcommittee)  
Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room 1960, Columbus, 10 a.m.  
Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation  
Office, 100 S. High St., Hillsboro, 9:30 a.m. (Agriculture Development  
Subcommittee)  
Public Facilities Commission, 35th Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 4 p.m.

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A private group wants Ohio taxpayers to finance a giant Wright brothers memorial at the intersection of I-70 and I-75 in Dayton. "The Triumph of Flight," a little shorter than the Statue of Liberty, would cost taxpayers \$10.6 million.

February 19 at 6:02pm

The Buckeye Institute

PS: Here is the Buckeye Institute's posting:

Laura

Thanks,

1. Who is backing this request?
2. Could you please send me the capital funding requests from the areas of Montgomery/Green/Miami/Warren/Clark counties?
3. What is the general schedule for the capital bill?

The Buckeye Institute posted on its Facebook page its list of most ridiculous state capital requests. #2 on the list is the \$10 million requested for the Triumph of Flight monument at the I-70/I-75 intersection to honor the Wright Brothers.

Subject: Capital requests

To: Miller, Brad; John.Fortney@ohiosenate.gov

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:22 PM

From: Bischoff, Laura (CMG-Dayton) [mailto:Laura.Bischoff@coxinc.com]

Brad

Thanks,

Just received this email from Laura Bischoff. Thoughts?

Hey guys,

Subject: FW: capital requests

CC: Best, Carolyn

To: Baker, Dan; Dittore, Michael; Kasych, Shawna

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:31 PM

From: Miller, Brad

We rank this 270-foot statue as the #2 Most Ridiculous Requests made to Legislators if you think this grand idea should be privately funded.  
for inclusion in the Capital Appropriations Budget. Please LIKE or SHARE this Post

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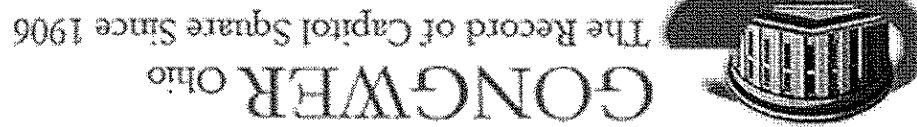
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"They have all the evidence in hand and we think they should approve the settlement agreement we've proposed," she said. "It's been a long process and we're ready for it to move forward."

AEP spokesman Tammy Ridout said the company is "hopeful the commission will issue an order quickly."

"I think everyone is hopeful a decision may come as of next meeting. But obviously it's up to commission to put it on the agenda."

"So we're very hopeful we can get an order in this case so we can proceed with these auctions," spokesman Doug Colafella said. "Because as of June 1, we don't have power supply purchased for our customers."

The utilities are hopeful a decision arrives sooner, rather than later. In FirstEnergy's case, for example, the company has two energy auctions scheduled in April under the Electric Security Plan scheduled to begin June 1.

The companies involved and their opponents have been anticipating first quarter orders. Should a decision not come in two weeks' time, the cases a year and a half or more in the making would be poised to continue.

"For what it's worth the commission's never indicated when a decision may be," Mr. Schilling said. "There is lots of speculation out there, but we don't know."

Whether the agenda will include one or both cases hasn't yet been determined, but PUCO spokesman Matt Schilling said any belief the ruling will come in the first quarter has been conjecture.

The PUCO is scheduled to meet just once more this month - a March 30 meeting for which the agenda has not yet been finalized. The commission will not meet March 23.

But with just one more meeting of the PUCO scheduled for this month, it's possible the wait for one or both decisions could stretch into the second quarter.

For more than a year and a half, AEP and FirstEnergy have waited for the Public Utilities Commission's orders on their controversial Power Purchase Agreements - decisions that have been expected to be made in the first quarter of 2016.

Energy Companies Remain Hopeful To March Ruling On PPAs

Volume #85, Report #54 Monday, March 21, 2016

Potentially complicating matters is the ongoing complaints against both PPAs before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel in February urged the PUCO to delay ruling until the FERC cases are settled. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016) In their latest filing, the Electric Power Supply Association argued that the companies have failed to rebut the concerns raised in the complaints and FERC "should issue an order as soon as possible granting the complaints."

The group cites opposition from PJM, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Council and others as showing the merits of its case.

"It is rare to see these parties and suppliers in complete agreement on wholesale market issues, and that they are should be a clear sign that, to paraphrase Shakespeare, something is rotten in the state of Ohio," the group wrote.

In their testimony, AEP and FirstEnergy both argue FERC has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the complaints are baseless because the allegations of consumer harm are "misplaced." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 24, 2016)

Controlling Board members approved \$92,500 in funding for the Secretary of State's

event wasn't slated for Columbus.

The training event has recently been held either in Columbus as a two-day event or at

five locations around the state as one-day events. Rep. Hearn Craig (D-Columbus)

asked if having the event in Cleveland could affect turnout for people in distant parts of the state. If turnout is low, he said, it could mean the office would have to come back before the board for more money.

Veronica Shemman, chief financial officer for the secretary of state's office, said she didn't expect to need more money.

"I think the cost that we have laid out here is the high end of the parameter and we would not expect to have to come back for more money," she said.

The office wanted to have only one event because it allows for more intensive training, she said.

Sen. Tom Sawyer (D-Akron) questioned part of a request from the Department of Education for \$3.2 million over two years for teacher certification and licensure, which includes the Office of Professional Conduct. The proposal cited an increase in the number of open cases, partially because of high-profile data manipulation scandals.

Sen. Sawyer asked if the department was targeting any particular types of schools or other programs in investigating data manipulation. Aaron Rausch, the department's director of budget and school funding, said they focused on individuals, not broad types of school districts.

"We appreciate that you're well targeted gives us more comfort," Sen. Sawyer said, knowing that you're well targeted gives us more comfort," Sen. Sawyer said that, Mr. Rausch said the data manipulation cases are part of the increased load at the Office of Professional Conduct, but are not the only reason for the increase. Other things that have increased the caseload include a program that tracks the backgrounds of teachers and employees after they have been hired, finding any new hits to their record while they are working.

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- \$4.4 million from the Court of Claims for the payment of a wrongful imprisonment settlement for Kwame Ajamu, formerly Ronne Bridgeman, and Wiley Bridgeman.
- \$615,852 from the Department of Natural Resources for geological mapping.
- \$1.9 million from the Ohio State University for a higher education system maintenance and upgrade project. The system manages data on student enrollment, courses, financial aid and more.
- \$3.1 million from OSU for roof and electrical repairs for three buildings on the Marion campus.
- \$4 million from the Development Services Agency for affordable housing assistance grants.

Other items approved by the board included requests for (Agenda):

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The Controlling Board also approved a new contract the Department of Administrative Services reached with the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council. The contract covers more than 500 employees statewide in eight state agencies, said Kristen Rankin, interim deputy director for the Office of Collective Bargaining.

The contract runs through June 30, 2018, and is similar to past contracts, though changes include switching from an annual clothing allowance to reimbursement and modifying the drug-free workplace policy to prohibit employees from working if they have blood alcohol contents above 0.02.

A request for \$1.45 million from the Development Services Agency for programs aimed at revitalizing distressed communities was deferred at the agency's request.

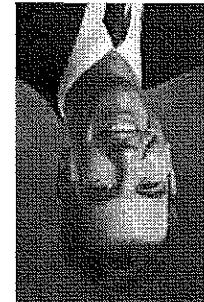
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his state rep duties. Unbeknownst to his host, Mr. Riedel would soon be angling for his ironically, that visit was a "shadowing" of Rep. Burkley while the incumbent performed

Mr. Riedel said he'll also be familiarizing himself with the capital city, having only spent a brief amount of time at the Statehouse during the last General Assembly.

"I'm in a major learning curve right now. I'm going to take the summer to meet with those other representatives who've reached out to me that want to talk to me and let me know what I might expect as to how things operate," said the newcomer, who had never run for a political office before retiring from a management position at Nucor Corporation in July to pursue the House seat.

Craig Riedel



him.

Lacking a Democrat competitor in the November election, Mr. Riedel, 49, will be headed to the Statehouse next year. After a brief hiatus from campaigning, he said he'll begin crafting his agenda by meeting with fellow lawmakers who've already begun courting him.

The Deffrance Republican edged out Rep. Tony Burkley (R-Paulding) in last week's primary to represent Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert and part of Auglaize counties.

Although he was an outsider in a primary race against an incumbent, businessman Craig Riedel has had no shortage of attention from Columbus since winning his bid to head to the statehouse in January.

### Riedel Plans To Pursue Right To Work, Push For Economic Development After Toppling Incumbent

- \$1.9 million from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for a number of projects to clean up polluted sites.

“It’s customary for both parties to protect their incumbents, especially in key elections where candidates have well-financed and organized campaigns like that of Mr. Riedel. However, the winner of Tuesday’s election said he was able to pull off a victory despite the powers-that-be because voters trust him.

“I think the people we met, they saw the sincerity in my words and my life and they had the confidence in me that I was going to go to Columbus and truly represent them and with his peers, he won’t be afraid to lead on conservative issues that haven’t yet been tackled, such as making Ohio a so-called “right to work” state.

Working with Nucor Corporation for 27 years, he said he saw a number of businesses choose to settle in neighboring states such as Indiana or Michigan because workers in those states are not required to join unions.

“At the risk of upsetting the party, Mr. Riedel said that while he’s planning to vote mostly with his peers, he won’t be afraid to lead on conservative issues that haven’t yet been tackled, such as making Ohio a so-called “right to work” state.

Working in private business his entire career, Mr. Riedel said he understands how important teamwork is to being successful, however sticking to one’s principals is just as important.

“I’m always going to be very respectful and of the Republican Party and I’m very conservative, but I’m always going to do what I think is right and there are going to be times when that goes divergent from what the Republicans would like me to do,” he said.

“My bosses are my God and the constituents of the 82nd House District. That’s who I’m going to answer to. I’m always going to do what I believe is the right thing to do,” Mr.

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“I understand why unions may be necessary but what I believe is an individual should have a right to choose whether or not they want to belong to a union or not,” he said. “I think it’s wrong that you’re required in Ohio to join a union if there is a union in your facility. You should have that freedom of choice.”

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He also trails in the money race.

Gov. Kasich reported \$1.25 million on hand at the beginning of March, according to his latest campaign finance report filed with the Federal Election Commission. In February, he raised \$3.4 million and spent \$3.6 million.

Sen. Cruz began the month of March with \$8 million on hand. He raised \$1.8 million and spent \$17.5 million in February.

Mr. Trump had \$1.6 million on hand at the beginning of March. He raised just \$2 million in February, but loaned his campaign nearly \$7 million during the month, bring the total to \$24.3 million since entering the campaign. He spent \$9.5 million in February.

Garland: Over the weekend, the governor was forced to walk back a comment he made about President Barack Obama's pick to fill the seat of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

He later said that statement was made "in an effort to be polite."

"Look, you know, Garland's - I'm going have my own picks for Supreme Court," he said. "You know, the fact is, I said that they ought to meet him and talk to him, and I'm not going to pick somebody who's, you know, obviously not a respecter of the Second Amendment. I don't want people making law and so nobody should be confused, worked up or upset. He's not going to be my pick for the Supreme Court."

Also, during a taped interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Gov. Kasich ruled out the possibility of being the running mate of either Sen. Cruz or Mr. Trump.

"We have a great team in Arizona," Gov. Kasich said. "I am very appreciative of their help to share our positive message to strengthen our country and bring real solutions to the America people."

**Campaign Stops:** Gov. Kasich on Monday was one of four presidential candidates scheduled to address the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference. In his speech to AIPAC, Gov. Kasich made a pitch based on experience, according to POLITICO.

**Draft Kasich Movement:** According to *New York Times Magazine* writer Robert Draper, the GOP establishment is not rushing to get on board the bandwagon for Gov. Kasich to secure the party's nomination in a brokered process.

According to Mr. Draper, party insiders are rejecting the movement because of his poor showing in most states, along with his support for Medicaid expansion and embrace of Beltway Republicans don't like him," he writes. "But there's a third layer of resistance to Kasich, one with which Cruz can identify: Many so did his demeanor - which, D.C. veterans say, was often sanctimonious and rude." But Kasich continues: Despite needing more than 100 percent of remaining elected delegates to secure the party's nomination, Gov. Kasich on Monday again reiterated that he has no plans to get out of the race.

**Campaign Continues:** Despite needing more than 100 percent of remaining elected delegates to secure the party's nomination, Gov. Kasich on Monday again reiterated that convention will be "an extension of this primary process." Speaking on CNN's "New Day" on Monday morning, the governor said a brokered convention will be "an extension of this primary process."

"If I'm the only one that can beat Hillary in the fall, why would anybody say I should leave? I mean that's just -- that's nuts," he said.

The petition, Medicinal Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Amendment, was submitted by Attorney General Mike DeWine on Monday rejected petition language for a ballot measure to make medicinal marijuana legal in Ohio.

**To Meet, Sebring Gets Funds**  
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lawmakers from lobbying for two years after leaving office, and cap most legislators' pay  
industry and the other a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban former  
two ballot measures, one a proposed initiative designed to boost the clean energy  
**Secretary of State:** The Ballot Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday and will take up

"The purpose of temporary total disability is to give injured workers time to recuperate,  
and work activity during the recovery period is prohibited," BWC Administrator/CEO  
Steve Buehler said. "Mr. Walker decisively returned to employment for several years  
and continued to collect thousands of dollars from BWC."

Mark Walker, who was receiving temporary total disability, was ordered to repay nearly  
\$75,000 in benefits he collected over a five-year period. He was also sentenced to 12 to  
18 months incarceration, which was suspended for three years of community control.

**Bureau of Workers' Compensation:** A Lake County man was convicted of workers'  
compensation fraud after the agency's Special Investigations Department captured video  
of him working as a handyman.

According to Sen. Uecker, the rules are expected to be back on the agenda for review at  
the April 4 meeting.

"We just felt there had to be a few more questions asked," Chairman Sen. Joe Uecker  
(R-Loveland) said following the meeting.

The regulations include monitoring and reporting of harmful algal blooms in public water  
systems.

**JCAR:** Amid concerns raised by some municipalities, the Joint Committee on Agency  
Rule Review put off a hearing on Ohio EPA rules that came out of legislation (SB 1)  
designed to deal with toxic algal bloom in Lake Erie.

A decision on the proposed language of another medical marijuana ballot measure is  
scheduled to be released Friday.

Since 2011, Mr. DeWine has rejected petition language for 13 measures dealing with  
marijuana.

On Friday, Mr. DeWine rejected petition language filed by Ohio Medical Cannabis Care  
LLC based on 11 defects. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 18, 2016)

However, Mr. DeWine found two defects in the summary language, including the lack of  
references to proposed amendment language that "industrial hemp and medicinal  
cannabis shall be researched, regulated, and promoted by the state in a manner  
substantially similar to other agricultural crops," and another section that states 2 1/2-year-  
olds have "equal opportunity to access, ownership, and employment."

"Voting is a right central to what makes us American, and this bill expands access to that right," Ramos said. "Allowing more early voting locations closer to home will benefit both

voting center, according to Rep. Ramos.

Under the proposal, 23 counties would be eligible to open at least one additional early

does not adequately encourage public participation in the democratic process."

population, a one-size fits all approach that limits the number of early voting centers examine and address an inequality in the system," he said. "With such variation in

"With early voting for the primary recently concluding in Ohio, I believe it is time to

counties, the charted governing body.

Rep. Dan Ramos plans legislation that would allow counties to have one early voting location for every 60,000 residents. The additional early voting sites would require the approval of a county board of commissioners or, in case of Cuyahoga and Summit

One state lawmaker is advocating for an increased number of early voting sites.

## Pollitics Notebook: Ramos Looks To Add Early Voting Sites; Portman On Air With Wed Ad; Defends Supreme Court Decision; Clyde Up For Award

At the federal level, both Mr. Portman and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) have backed related legislation on clean water issues, which have come to the forefront in recent months due to lead tainted water in Flint, Mich., Sebring and elsewhere. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 3, 2016)

Lead-tainted water in the village and officials' slow reaction in alerting residents has led to fallout at the local level, where the Ohio EPA announced violations, and at the state level, where two agency employees were fired following a review of the circumstances. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016)

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman stated, "I'm pleased that federal authorities are helping Sebring continue to work in a bipartisan manner to ensure that all Ohioans have access to clean water." Sebring's water supply is safe. As we move forward, I hope the Senate will act in a bipartisan way to help Ohio and other areas of the country who have similar needs. I will ensure its water supply is safe. As we move forward, I hope the Senate will act in a

"This grant will help provide much needed upgrades to Sebring's water system but the work is far from over," Senator Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Bordman) said in a statement. "We need to acknowledge that water quality issues will continue to plague our communities until our state makes an honest investment into fixing our crumbling infrastructure."

Sebringing a \$400,000 grant to assist with water quality improvements, a development welcomed by state and federal lawmakers.

**Sebring Water Grant:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded the Village of

"We are very excited to have Michawan Rich join us as we kick off the general election," campaign manager Cory Bliss said. "Michawan's discipline and experience in competitive races - including 2014's most competitive congressional race in the country - will be a great addition to our team. She is a seasoned communicator who will help us contrast Rob's vision for a brighter future with why Ohio can't go back to Ted Strickland's Ohio when the state lost over 350,000 jobs and ranked 48th in job creation."

Sen. Portman also announced on Monday the addition of Michawan Rich as his campaign's communications director.

The move has drawn criticism from Democrats, including Sen. Portman's general election opponent, former Gov. Ted Strickland. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 16, 2016)

"As a federal judge, Garland has made rulings undermining the Second Amendment rights of Ohioans as well as defended expansive, unchecked power of federal agencies such as the EPA, decisions that harm Ohio small businesses," she continued.

"The goal of this effort is to inform and alert the citizens of Ohio that in opposing President Obama's third liberal nomination to the Supreme Court, Senator Portman is also opposing liberal domination of the court and that, with the presidential election so close, he is right to allow the people of Ohio a voice in this lifetime appointment to the nation's highest court," Carrie Severino, chief counsel for JCN and a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk, said in a statement.

The decision has earned praise from the Judicial Crisis Network, which is launching a \$2 million TV, radio and digital ad campaign in six states, including Ohio.

"I have concluded that the best thing for the country is to trust the American people to weigh in and to have the confirmation process take place in a less partisan atmosphere," he wrote. "Awaiting the result of a democratic election, rather than having a nomination fight in this contentious election-year environment, will give the nominee more legitimacy and, as then - Senator Biden pointed out, better preserve the institutional credibility of the Senate and the court."

In a Sunday op-ed for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Sen. Portman defended his decision to join with fellow Senate Republicans in refusing to hold hearings on President Barack Obama's choice to fill the seat of former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

According to the ad, the company has added 200 jobs since inkling the deal.

**Senate Race:** The campaign of Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) is up with a web ad touting his work to help Herborn-based ArmorSource secure a federal contract.

Suburban and township voters outside of the city center, as well as lower income voters with limited transportation options."

SYLLABUS:

No. 2016-010. Requested by Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard.

## Attorney General's Opinion

State University.

Mr. Marquis, a Pickerington resident, holds a journalism degree from Bowling Green

earliest days as a reporter."

"The position of director of communications provides me the opportunity to continue my understanding government operations -- something I've been fascinated with since my public service, to help citizens understand how their money is being spent, and to better

taxpayers without regard to politics," Marquis said.

Delaware County prosecutor. His decisions are rooted in doing the right things by respect for the way Yost has conducted himself as state auditor and as be transparent, provide public access and hold people accountable. I have a great deal

"The state auditors office embodies those things that I always tried to do as a journalist. He starts his new post April 4 with an annual salary of \$105,000.

Mr. Marquis, 52, previously worked for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Toledo Blade.

"Ben's extensive media experience and management expertise will be a great addition to

"Our office," Auditor Yost said in a statement. "He is a trusted name in Columbus and all over the state of Ohio, and we are fortunate to have him join our team."

He replaces Carmie Bartunek, who was named senior policy adviser for public affairs.

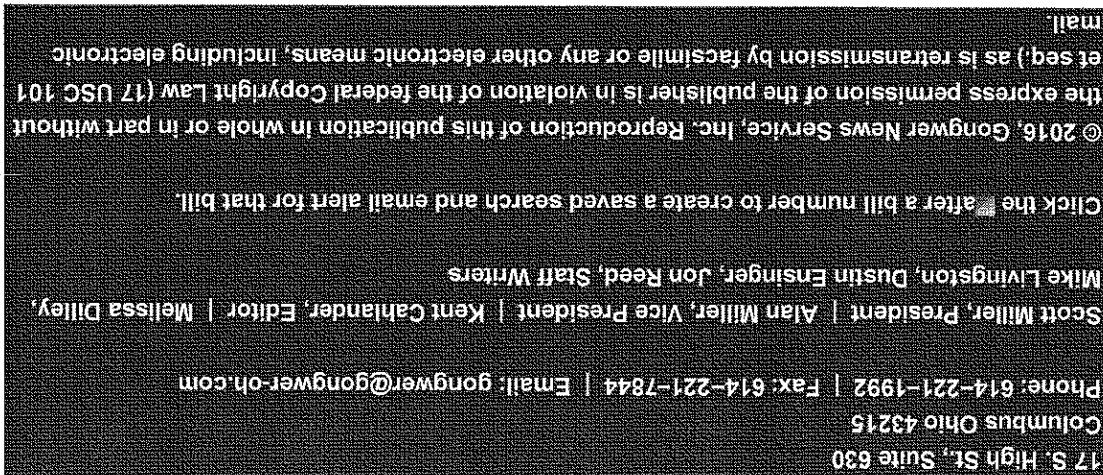
State Auditor Dave Yost said Monday he's hired Ben Marquis, the former Columbus Dispatch editor, as his communications director.

Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America.

Cincinnati with author Art Berman to discuss his new book, *Give Us the Ballot: The Ms. Clyde also announced that she will make stops in Columbus, Cleveland and*

"Kathleen is one of Ohio's biggest rising stars. She's an outspoken advocate for voting rights, and even in our state's conservative legislature, Kathleen has proven an effective fighter for Ohio's women and workers," he said.

Clyde Nominated For Award: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) on Monday urged people to vote for Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) to receive the Gabriele Giffords Rising Star Award by EMILY's List.



Joe Uecker)

Columbus, 5 p.m. (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500; Individual - \$350 to The Committee to Elect Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveeland) Fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m. (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500; Individual - \$350 to The Committee to Elect

Tuesday, April 19

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP Legislative Reception, 52 East Gay St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Senate Republican Candidate Frank Hagan Fundraiser, The Galley, 203 Second St., Marietta, 4:30 p.m. (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500; Individual - \$350 to Hagan for Ohio)

Wednesday, April 6

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Optical Dispensers Board, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 7

BWC Nominating Council, Conf. Rms. B&C, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

Ballot Board, Senate Finance Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 2:30 p.m. (The board will meet to determine whether each of the proposed constitutional amendments known as the "Ohio Clean Energy Initiative" and the "Ohio Ethics First Amendment" contain only one proposed amendment.)

Wednesday, March 23

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Incentives contribute to the efficient operation of the court.

The terms of the court's drug court program, provided the judges determine that the may expend money generated by the court's special projects fee imposed pursuant to R.C. 2303.201(E)(1) to purchase incentives that reward participants' compliance with the judges of a court of common pleas, in the reasonable exercise of their discretion,



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HB 492

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Rogers, J., Dreherhaus, D.) To create the  
Supplemental State Capital Improvements Pilot Program funded by a  
temporary transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund and to make an  
appropriation. Am. 131.43, 131.44, and 164.01 and to enact section 164.18.

HB 493

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Sears, B., Ryan, S.) To make changes in the  
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## Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, March 22

### Legislative Committees

- Carneled: Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
- Carneled: Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- If needed

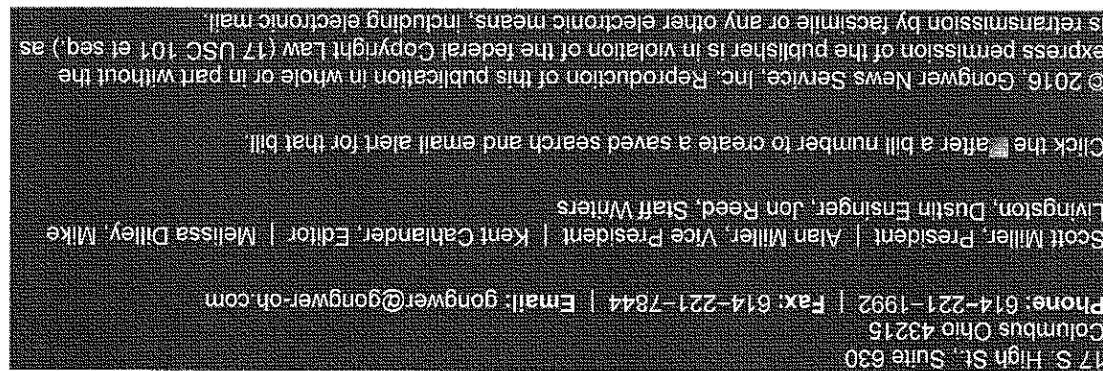
### Agency Calendar

- ACLU of Ohio and Ohio Justice Center news conference to release criminal justice report, Judicial Room, Sheraton at Capitol Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.
- Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) and Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) news conference on bill to remove firearms in certain domestic violence situations, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.
- Rep. Greta Johnson (D-Akron) and Sen. Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) news conference on gender diversity legislation, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 2 p.m.
- Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Gold Rm., 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Hottinger)
- Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Gold Rm., 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for State Senator)
- Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Crystal Rm., 136 E.
- Broad St., Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Citizens for Kevin Bacon)
- Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) fundraiser, Claddagh, 585 S. Front St.,
- Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$1,000; Sponsor \$500; individual attendee: \$350 to Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$1,000; Sponsor \$500; individual attendee: \$350 to Friends of Bill Coley)

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SB 297 ■ STUDENT EXPULSIONS (Hughes, J.) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for committing a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. Am. 3313.66 and 3313.661 and to enact section 3313.668.

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Energy Companies Remain Hopeful For March Ruling On PPAs

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For more than a year and a half, AEP and FirstEnergy have waited for the Public Utilities Commission's orders on their controversial Power Purchase Agreements - decisions that have been expected to be made in the first quarter of 2016.

But with just one more meeting of the PUCO scheduled for this month, it's possible the wait for one or both decisions could stretch into the second quarter.

The PUCO is scheduled to meet just once more this month - a March 30 meeting for which the agenda has not yet been finalized. The commission will not meet March 23, whether the agenda will include one or both cases hasn't yet been determined, but PUCO spokesman Matt Schilling said any belief the ruling will come in the first quarter has been conjecture.

"For what it's worth the commission's never indicated when a decision may be," Mr. Schilling said. "There is lots of speculation out there, but we don't know."

The companies involved and their opponents have been anticipating first quarter orders. Should a decision not come in two weeks' time, the cases a year and a half or more in the making would be poised to continue.

The utilities are hopeful a decision arrives sooner, rather than later. In FirstEnergy's case, for example, the company has two energy auctions scheduled in April under the case, so we're very hopeful we can get an order in this case so we can proceed with these auctions," spokesman Doug Colafella said. "Because as of June 1, we don't have power supply purchased for our customers.

"I think everyone is hopeful a decision may come as of next meeting. But obviously it's up to commission to put it on the agenda."

AEP spokesman Tammy Ridout said the company is "hopeful the commission will issue an order quickly."

"They have all the evidence in hand and we think they should approve the settlement agreement we've proposed," she said. "It's been a long process and we're ready for it to move forward,"

Potentially complicating matters is the ongoing complaints against both PPAs before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel in February urged the PUCO to delay ruling until the FERC cases are settled. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016)

In their latest filing, the Electric Power Supply Association argued that the companies have failed to rebut the concerns raised in the complaints and FERC "should issue an order as soon as possible granting the complaints."

The group cites opposition from PJM, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Council and others as showing the merits of its case.

"It is rare to see these parties and suppliers in complete agreement on wholesale market issues, and that they are should be a clear sign that, to paraphrase Shakespeare,

In their testimony, AEP and FirstEnergy both argue FERC has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the complainants are baseless because the allegations of consumer harm are "misplaced." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 24, 2016)

Controlling Board members approved \$92,500 in funding for the Secretary of State's

event wasn't slated for Columbus.

Office to hold elections training in Cleveland, though one lawmaker questioned why the event wasn't slated for Columbus.

The training event has recently been held either in Columbus as a two-day event or at five locations around the state as one-day events. Rep. Harecel Craig (D-Columbus) asked if having the event in Cleveland could affect turnout for people in distant parts of the state. If turnout is low, he said, it could mean the office would have to come back before the board for more money.

Veronica Shermann, chief financial officer for the secretary of state's office, said she didn't expect to need more money.

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Sen. Tom Sawyer (D-Akron) questioned part of a request from the Department of Education for \$3.2 million over two years for teacher certification and licensure, which includes the Office of Professional Conduct. The proposal cited an increase in the number of open cases, partially because of high-profile data manipulation scandals.

- \$615,852 from the Department of Natural Resources for geological mapping.
- \$1.9 million from the Ohio State University for a higher education system enrollment, courses, financial aid and more.
- \$4.4 million from the Court of Claims for the payment of a wrongful imprisonment settlement for Kwame Ajamu, formerly Ronnie Bridgeman, and Wiley Bridgeman.
- \$3.1 million from OSU for roof and electrical repairs for three buildings on the Marion campus.
- \$4 million from the Development Services Agency for affordable housing assistance grants.

Other items approved by the board included requests for (Agenda):

A request for \$1.45 million from the Development Services Agency for programs aimed at revitalizing distressed communities was deferred at the agency's request.

The contract runs through June 30, 2018, and is similar to past contracts, though changes include switching from an annual clothing allowance to reimbursement and modifying the drug-free workplace policy to prohibit employees from working if they have blood alcohol contents above 0.02.

The Control Board also approved a new contract the Department of Administrative Services reached with the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council. The contract covers more than 500 employees statewide in eight state agencies, said Kristen Rankin, interim deputy director for the Office of Collective Bargaining.

"Just in general there has been an increase in the caseload of the Office of Professional Conduct," he said.

Mr. Rausch said the data manipulation cases are part of the increased load at the Office of Professional Conduct, but are not the only reason for the increase. Other things that have increased the caseload include a program that tracks the backgrounds of teachers and employees after they have been hired, finding any new hits to their record while they are working.

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Sen. Sawyer asked if the department was targeting any particular types of schools or other programs in investigating data manipulation. Aaron Rausch, the department's director of budget and school funding, said they focused on individuals, not broad types of school districts.

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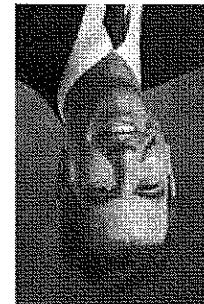
Mr. Riedel said he asked Mr. Burkley for the opportunity because he wanted to learn more about the legislature.

his state rep duties. Unbeknownst to his host, Mr. Riedel would soon be angling for his ironically, that visit was a "shadowing" of Rep. Burkley while the incumbent performed

Mr. Riedel said he'll also be familiarizing himself with the capital city, having only spent a brief amount of time at the Statehouse during the last General Assembly.

"I'm in a major learning curve right now. I'm going to take the summer to meet with those other representatives who've reached out to me that want to talk to me and let me know what I might expect as to how things operate," said the newcomer, who had never run for a political office before retiring from a management position at Nucor Corporation in July to pursue the House seat.

Craig Riedel



Lacking a Democrat competitor in the November election, Mr. Riedel, 49, will be headed to the Statehouse next year. After a brief hiatus from campaigning, he said he'll begin crafting his agenda by meeting with fellow lawmakers who've already begun courting him.

The Defense Republican edged out Rep. Tony Burkley (R-Paulding) in last week's primary to represent Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert and part of Auglaize counties.

Although he was an outsider in a primary race against an incumbent, businessman Craig Riedel has had no shortage of attention from Columbus since winning his bid to head to the statehouse in January.

### Riedel Plans To Pursue Right To Work, Push For Economic Development After Toppling Incumbent

- \$1.9 million from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for a number of projects to clean up polluted sites.

"I think the people we met, they saw the sincerity in my words and my life and they had the confidence in me that I was going to go to Columbus and truly represent them and that I would not be afraid to be criticized or that I wouldn't be afraid to go against the line when I felt it was necessary," he said.

It's customary for both parties to protect their incumbents, especially in key elections where candidates have well-financed and organized campaigns like that of Mr. Riedel. However, the winner of Tuesday's election said he was able to pull off a victory despite that confidence in me that I was going to go to Columbus and truly represent them and the risk of upsetting the party, Mr. Riedel said that while he's planning to vote mostly with his peers, he won't be afraid to lead on conservative issues that haven't yet been tackled, such as making Ohio a so-called "right to work" state.

Working with Nucor Corporation for 27 years, he said he saw a number of businesses choose to settle in neighboring states such as Indiana or Michigan because workers in those states are not required to join unions.

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Working in private business his entire career, Mr. Riedel said he understands how important teamwork is to being successful, however sticking to one's principals is just as important.

"I'm always going to be very respectful and of the Republican Party and I'm very conservative, but I'm always going to do what I think is right and there are going to be times when that goes divergent from what the Republicans would like me to do," he said. "My bosses are my God and the constituents of the 82nd House District. That's who I'm going to answer to. I'm always going to do what I believe is the right thing to do," Mr. Riedel continued.

Having already knocked on the doors of 4,400 constituents with his wife, Danette, leading up to the election, he said he'll continue meeting with people in his district and find out what issues they care most about.

Another priority will be meeting with businesses and civic groups to determine the best way to meet his goals of reducing taxes and business regulations as well as spurring economic development, Mr. Riedel said.

When the House GOP first threw its financial support behind Rep. Burkley, Mr. Riedel said he was confused because no one in the party had gotten to know him. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 4, 2016)

Kasich lags in Money Race, Walks Back Statement On Garland, Announces Arizona Leadership Team And Campaign Stops...

Gov. John Kasich trails competitors Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and billionaire Donald Trump in the race to secure enough delegates to secure the Republican Party's nomination for president.

He also trails in the money race.

Gov. Kasich reported \$1.25 million on hand at the beginning of March, according to his latest campaign finance report filed with the Federal Election Commission. In February, Sen. Cruz began the month of March with \$8 million on hand. He raised \$11.8 million and spent \$17.5 million in February.

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Mr. Trump had \$1.6 million on hand at the beginning of March. He raised just \$2 million in February, but loaned his campaign nearly \$7 million during the month, bring the total to \$24.3 million since entering the campaign. He spent \$9.5 million in February.

Garnand: Over the weekend, the government was forced to walk back a comment he made about President Barack Obama's pick to fill the seat of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

He later said that statement was made "in an effort to be polite."

During a taped interview for CBS' "Face the Nation," Gov. Kasich suggested he would consider nominating Merrick Garland to a seat on the bench.

"Look, you know, Garland's - I'm going have my own picks for Supreme Court," he said. "You know, the fact is, I said that they ought to meet him and talk to him, and I'm not going to pick somebody who's, you know, obviously not a respecer of the Second Amendment. I don't want people making law and so nobody should be confused, worked up or upset. He's not going to be my pick for the Supreme Court."

"We have a great team in Arizona," Gov. Kasich said. "I am very appreciative of their help to share our positive message to strengthen our country and bring real solutions to the America people."

Leadership Team: Ahead of Tuesday's primary contest in Arizona, Gov. Kasich announced his leadership team there that includes two state lawmakers, two former chiefs of staff to governors, a disability rights advocate and several activists.

Also, during a taped interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Gov. Kasich ruled out the possibility of being the running mate of either Sen. Cruz or Mr. Trump.

**Campaign Stops:** Gov. Kasich on Monday was one of four presidential candidates scheduled to address the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference. In his speech to AIPAC, Gov. Kasich made a pitch based on experience, according to POLITICO.

**Draft Kasich Movement:** According to New York Times Magazine writer Robert Draper, the GOP establishment is not rushing to get on board the bandwagon for Gov. Kasich to secure the party's nomination in a brokered process.

**On Wednesday,** he is scheduled to hold a town hall event in Wisconsin, where he picked up the endorsement of former Treasurer Jack Voigts.

**"But there's a third layer of resistance to Kasich, one with which Cruz can identify: Many** Beltway Republicans don't like him," he writes. "No doubt Chairman Kasich's strict budgets made life unpleasant for a few lobbyists. But so did his demeanor - which, D.C. veterans say, was often sanctimonious and rude." He has no plans to get out of the race.

**Campaign Continues:** Despite needing more than 100 percent of remaining delegates to secure the party's nomination, Gov. Kasich on Monday again reiterated that convention will be "an extension of this primary process."

**Speaking on CNN's "New Day"** on Monday morning, the governor said a brokered convention would mean that's just -- that's nuts," he said. "If I'm the only one that can beat Hillary in the fall, why would anybody say I should leave?"

**To Meet, Spending Gets Funds**  
Delayed; Paintsville Man Busted For Workers' Comp Fraud; Ballot Board Agency Briefs; AG Rejects Another Pot Petition; Review Of EPA Rules

The petition, Medicinal Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Amendment, was submitted by Grassroots OH with more than 2,000 signatures.

Attorney General Mike DeWine on Monday rejected petition language for a ballot measure to make medicinal marijuana legal in Ohio.

at the annual median household income in Ohio. lawmakers from lobbying for two years after leaving office, and cap most legislators' pay industry and the other a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban former two ballot measures, one a proposed initiative designed to boost the clean energy **Secretary of State:** The Ballot Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday and will take up

"The purpose of temporary total disability is to give injured workers time to recuperate, and work activity during that recovery period is prohibited," BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehler said. "Mr. Walker recently returned to employment for several years and continued to collect thousands of dollars from BWC."

Mark Walker, who was receiving temporary total disability, was ordered to repay nearly \$75,000 in benefits he collected over a five-year period. He was also sentenced to 12 to 18 months incarceration, which was suspended for three years of community control.

**Bureau of Workers' Compensation:** A Lake County man was convicted of workers' compensation fraud after the agency's Special Investigations Department captured video of him working as a handyman.

According to Sen. Uecker, the rules are expected to be back on the agenda for review at the April 4 meeting.

"We just felt there had to be a few more questions asked," Chairman Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) said following the meeting.

The regulations include monitoring and reporting of harmful algal blooms in public water systems.

**JCAR:** Amid concerns raised by some municipalities, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review put off a hearing on Ohio EPA rules that came out of legislation (SB 1) designed to deal with toxic algal bloom in Lake Erie.

A decision on the proposed language of another medical marijuana ballot measure is scheduled to be released Friday.

Since 2011, Mr. DeWine has rejected petition language for 13 measures dealing with marijuana.

On Friday, Mr. DeWine rejected petition language filed by Ohio Medical Cannabis Care LLC based on 11 defects. (See Gouwker Ohio Report, March 18, 2016)

However, Mr. DeWine found two defects in the summary language, including the lack of references to proposed amendment language, including the lack of cannabis shall be researched, regulated, and promoted by the state in a manner substantially similar to other agricultural crops," and another section that states 21-year-olds have "equal opportunity to access, ownership, and employment."

"Voting is a right central to what makes us American, and this bill expands access to that right," Ramos said. "Allowing more early voting locations closer to home will benefit both

voting center, according to Rep. Ramos.

Under the proposal, 23 counties would be eligible to open at least one additional early voting center, according to Rep. Ramos.

"With early voting for the primary recently concluding in Ohio, I believe it is time to examine and address an inequality in the system," he said. "With such variation in population, a one-size fits all approach that limits the number of early voting centers does not adequately encourage public participation in the democratic process."

Rep. Dan Ramos plans legislation that would allow counties to have one early voting location for every 60,000 residents. The additional early voting sites would require the approval of a county board of commissioners or, in case of Cuyahoga and Summit counties, the charted governing body.

One state lawmaker is advocating for an increased number of early voting sites.

## Air With Web Ad, Defends Supreme Court Decision, Clide Up For Award

At the federal level, both Mr. Portman and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) have backed related legislation on clean water issues, which have come to the forefront in recent months due to lead tainted water in Flint, Mich., Sebring and elsewhere. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 3, 2016)

Lead-tainted water in the village and officials' slow reaction in alerting residents has led to fallout at the local level, where the Ohio EPA announced violations, and at the state level, where two agency employees were fired following a review of the circumstances. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016)

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman stated, "I'm pleased that federal authorities are helping Sebring ensure its water supply is safe. As we move forward, I hope the Senate will act in a bipartisan way to help Ohio and other areas of the country who have similar needs. I will continue to work in a bipartisan manner to ensure that all Ohioans have access to clean and safe drinking water."

"This grant will help provide much needed upgrades to Sebring's water system but the work is far from over," Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Bordman) said in a statement. "We need to acknowledge that water quality issues will continue to plague our communities until our state makes an honest investment into fixing our crumbling infrastructure."

Sebringing a \$400,000 grant to assist with water quality improvements, a development welcomed by state and federal lawmakers.

Senate Race: The campaign of Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) is up with a web ad touting his work to help Herborn-based AmorSource secure a federal contract.

According to the ad, the company has added 200 jobs since linking the deal.

In a Sunday op-ed for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Sen. Portman defended his decision to weigh in and to have the confirmation process take place in a less partisan atmosphere,

he wrote. "Awaiting the result of a democratic election, rather than having a nomination fight in this contentious election-year environment, will give the nominee more legitimacy and, as then - Senator Biden pointed out, better preserve the institutional credibility of the Senate and the court."

The decision has earned praise from the Judicial Crisis Network, which is launching a \$2 million TV, radio and digital ad campaign in six states, including Ohio.

"The goal of this effort is to inform and alert the citizens of Ohio that in opposing President Obama's third liberal nominee to the Supreme Court, Senator Portman is also opposing liberal domination of the court and that, with the presidential election so close, rights of Ohioans as well as defended expansive, unchecked power of federal agencies such as the EPA, decisions that harm Ohio small businesses," she continued.

"As a federal judge, Garland has made rulings undermining the Second Amendment

The move has drawn criticism from Democrats, including Sen. Portman's general election opponent, former Gov. Ted Strickland. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 16, 2016)

Sen. Portman also announced on Monday the addition of Michawan Rich as his campaign's communications director.

"We are very excited to have Michawan Rich join us as we kick off the general election," campaign manager Cory Bliss said. "Michawan's discipline and experience in competitive races - including 2014's most competitive congressional race in the country - will be a great addition to our team. She is a seasoned communicator who will help us contrast Rob's vision for a brighter future with why Ohio can't go back to Ted Strickland's Ohio when the state lost over 350,000 jobs and ranked 48th in job creation."

SYLLABUS:

No. 2016-010. Requested by Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard.

## Attorney General's Opinion

State University.

Mr. Marquis, a Pickerington resident, holds a journalism degree from Bowling Green

earliest days as a reporter."

"The position of director of communications provides me the opportunity to continue my public service, to help citizens understand how their money is being spent, and to better understand government operations -- something I've been fascinated with since my

taxpayers without regard to politics," Marquis said.

Delaware County prosecutor. His decisions are rooted in doing the right things by taxpayers for the way Dave Yost has conducted himself as state auditor and as of respect for the way Ben Marquis, 52, previously worked for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Toledo Blade.

He starts his new post April 4 with an annual salary of \$105,000.

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"Ben's extensive media experience and management expertise will be a great addition to our office," Auditor Yost said in a statement. "He is a trusted name in Columbus and all over the state of Ohio, and we're fortunate to have him join our team."

He replaces Carrie Bartunek, who was named senior policy adviser for public affairs.

State Auditor Dave Yost said Monday he's hired Ben Marquis, the former Columbus Dispatch editor, as his communications director.

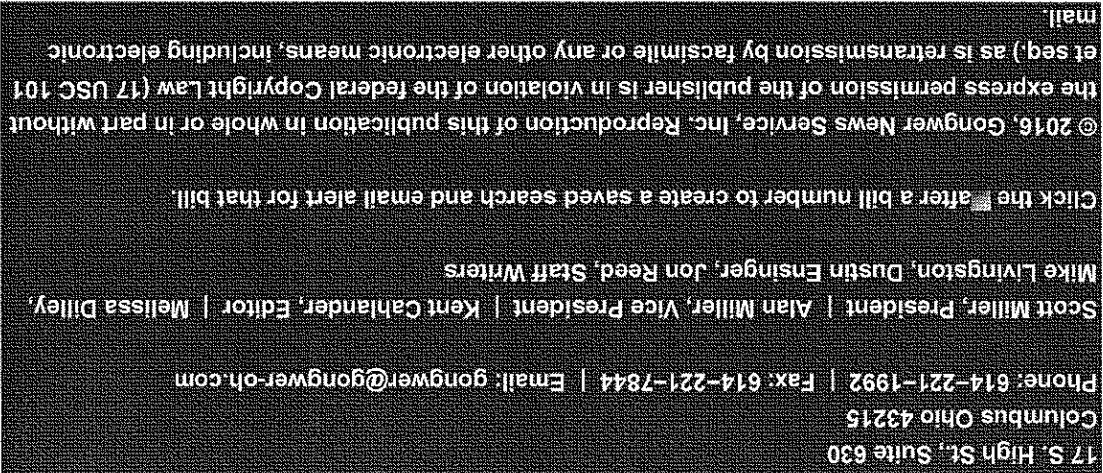
## Capitol Scene: Former Dispatch Editor Marquis Joins Yost Team

Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America.

Cincinnati with author Ari Bergman to discuss his new book, *Give Us the Ballot: The Ms. Clyde also announced that she will make stops in Columbus, Cleveland and*

"Kathleen is one of Ohio's biggest rising stars. She's an outspoken advocate for voting rights, and even in our state's conservative legislature, Kathleen has proven an effective fighter for Ohio's women and workers," he said.

Clyde Nominated For Award: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) on Monday urged people to vote for Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) to receive the Gabriele Giffords Rising Star Award by EMILY's List.



Joe Uecker)

Columbus, 5 p.m., (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500, individual - \$350 to The Committee to Elect Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.,

Tuesday, April 19

Vorys, Seiter, Seymour and Pease LLP Legislative Reception, 52 East Gay St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Senate Republican candidate Frank Hagan fundraiser, The Galley, 203 Second St., Marietta, 4:30 p.m., (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500, individual - \$350 to Hagan for Ohio),

Wednesday, April 6

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Optical Dispensers Board, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 7

BWC Nominating Council, Conf. Rms. B8C, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

Proposed amendment

"Ohio Clean Energy Initiative" and the "Ohio Ethics First Amendment" contain only one

meet to determine whether each of the proposed constitutional amendments known as the Ballot Board, Senate Finance Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 2:30 p.m. (The board will

Wednesday, March 23

Supplemental Agency Calendar

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The terms of the court's drug court program, provided the judges determine that the R.C. 2303.201(E)(1) to purchase incentives that reward a participant's compliance with may expend money generated by the court's special projects fee imposed pursuant to The judges of a court of common pleas, in the reasonable exercise of their discretion,



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House Activity for Monday, March 21, 2016

HB 492 ■ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Rogers, J., Dreiehau, D.) To create the  
Supplemental State Capital Improvements Pilot Program funded by a  
temporary transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund and to make an  
appropriation. Am. 131.43, 131.44, and 164.01 and to enact section 164.18.

HB 493 ■ CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Sears, B., Ryan, S.) To make changes in the  
child abuse and neglect reporting law. Am. 307.627, 2151.421, 2151.422,  
2151.99, 3701.701, 5153.16, 5153.175, and 5153.176.

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, March 22

Legislative Committee

Carneled: Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr-Faber, K., 466-7684), Majority Chair, 11 a.m.

Ganneled: Senate Session (Chr-Faber, K., 466-4900), Senator Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

If needed

Agency Calendar

ACLU of Ohio and Ohio Justice Center news conference to release criminal justice report, Judicial Room, Sheraton at Capitol Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) and Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) news conference on bill to remove firearms in certain domestic violence situations, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, 10:30 a.m.

Rep. Greta Johnson (D-Akron) and Sen. Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) news conference on gender diversity legislation, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, 2 p.m.

Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Tally Ho Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m. (Event Host \$1,000; Event Sponsor \$500; Individual Attendee \$350 to Troy Balderson for State Senator)

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Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Gold Rm., 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m. (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Hottinger)

Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Crystal Rm., 136 E.

Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m. (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Bacon)

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) fundraiser, Claddagh, 585 S. Front St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m. (Host: \$1,000; Sponsor \$500; Individual attendee: \$350 to Coley)

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## SB 297 ■ STUDENT EXPULSIONS (Hughes, J.) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. Am. 3313.66

and 3313.661 and to enact section 3313.668.  
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"They have all the evidence in hand and we think they should approve the settlement agreement we've proposed," she said. "It's been a long process and we're ready for it to move forward."

AEP spokesman Tammy Ridout said the company is "hopeful the commission will issue an order quickly."

"I think everyone is hopeful a decision may come as of next meeting. But obviously it's up to commission to put it on the agenda."

"So we're very hopeful we can get an order in this case so we can proceed with these auctions," spokesman Doug Colafella said. "Because as of June 1, we don't have power supply purchased for our customers."

The utilities are hopeful a decision arrives sooner, rather than later. In FirstEnergy's case, for example, the company has two energy auctions scheduled in April under the Electric Security Plan scheduled to begin June 1.

The companies involved and their opponents have been anticipating first quarter orders. "For what it's worth the commission's never indicated when a decision may be," Mr. Schilling said. "There is lots of speculation out there, but we don't know."

Whether the agenda will include one or both cases hasn't yet been determined, but PUCO spokesman Matt Schilling said any belief the ruling will come in the first quarter has been conjecture.

The PUCO is scheduled to meet just once more this month - a March 30 meeting for which the agenda has not yet been finalized. The commission will not meet March 23, wait for one or both decisions could stretch into the second quarter.

But with just one more meeting of the PUCO scheduled for this month, it's possible the commission's orders on their controversial Power Purchase Agreements - decisions that have been expected to be made in the first quarter of 2016. For more than a year and a half, AEP and FirstEnergy have waited for the Public Utilities Commission's orders on their controversial Power Purchase Agreements - decisions that have been expected to be made in the first quarter of 2016.

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Energy Companies Remain Hopeful for March Ruling On PAs



Potentially complicating matters is the ongoing complaints against both PPAs before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel in February urged the PUCO to delay ruling until the FERC cases are settled. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016) In their latest filing, the Electric Power Supply Association argued that the companies have failed to rebut the concerns raised in the complaints and FERC "should issue an order as soon as possible granting the complaints."

The group cites opposition from PJM, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Council and others as showing the merits of its case.

"It is rare to see these parties and suppliers in complete agreement on wholesale market issues, and that they are should be a clear sign that, to paraphrase Shakespeare, something is rotten in the state of Ohio," the group wrote. In their testimony, AEP and FirstEnergy both argue FERC has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the complaints are baseless because the allegations of consumer harm are "misplaced." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 24, 2016)

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Sen. Tom Sawyer (D-Akron) questioned part of a request from the Department of Education for \$3.2 million over two years for teacher certification and licensure, which includes the Office of Professional Conduct. The proposal cited an increase in the number of open cases, partially because of high-profile data manipulation scandals.

Sen. Sawyer asked if the department was targeting any particular types of schools or other programs in investigating data manipulation. Aaron Rausch, the department's director of budget and school funding, said they focused on individuals, not broad types of school districts.

"We appreciate that you don't want to go out on a witch hunt, but having said that, knowing that you're well targeted gives us more comfort," Sen. Sawyer said.

Mr. Rausch said the data manipulation cases are part of the increased load at the Office of Professional Conduct, but are not the only reason for the increase. Other things that have increased the caseload include a program that tracks the backgrounds of teachers and employees after they have been hired, finding any new hits to their record while they are working.

"Just in general there has been an increase in the caseload of the Office of Professional Conduct," he said.

The Controlling Board also approved a new contract the Department of Administrative Services reached with the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council. The contract covers more than 500 employees statewide in eight state agencies, said Kristen Rankin, interim deputy director for the Office of Collective Bargaining.

A request for \$1.45 million from the Development Services Agency for programs aimed at revitalizing distressed communities was deferred at the agency's request.

- \$4.4 million from the Court of Claims for the payment of a wrongful imprisonment settlement for Kwame Ajamu, formerly Ronne Bridgeman, and Wiley Bridgeman.
- \$615,852 from the Department of Natural Resources for geological mapping.
- \$1.9 million from the Ohio State University for a higher education system maintenance and upgrade project. The system manages data on student enrollment, courses, financial aid and more.
- \$3.1 million from OSU for roof and electrical repairs for three buildings on the Marion campus.
- \$4 million from the Development Services Agency for affordable housing assistance grants.

Other items approved by the board included requests for (Agenda):

The contract runs through June 30, 2018, and is similar to past contracts, though changes include switching from an annual clothing allowance to reimbursement and modifying the drug-free workplace policy to prohibit employees from working if they have blood alcohol contents above 0.02.

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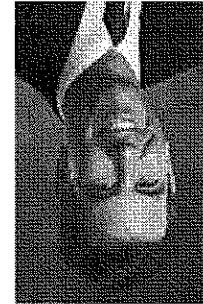
his state rep duties. Unbeknownst to his host, Mr. Riedel would soon be angling for his ironically, that visit was a "shadowing" of Rep. Burkley while the incumbent performed

brief amount of time at the Statehouse during the last General Assembly. Mr. Riedel said he'll also be familiarizing himself with the capital city, having only spent a

july to pursue the House seat.

for a political office before reining from a management position at Nucor Corporation in what I might expect as to how things operate," said the newcomer, who had never run other representatives who've reached out to me that want to talk to me and let me know "I'm in a major learning curve right now. I'm going to take the summer to meet with those

Craig Riedel



him.

crafting his agenda by meeting with fellow lawmakers who've already begun courting to the Statehouse next year. After a brief hiatus from campaigning, he said he'll begin lacking a Democrat competitor in the November election, Mr. Riedel, 49, will be headed

primarily to represent Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert and part of Auglaize counties. The Defiance Republican edged out Rep. Tony Burkley (R-Paulding) in last week's

head to the statehouse in January.

Craig Riedel has had no shortage of attention from Columbus since winning his bid to Although he was an outsider in a primary race against an incumbent, businessman

### Riedel Plans To Pursue Right To Work, Push For Economic Development After Toppling Incumbent

- \$1.9 million from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for a number of projects to clean up polluted sites.

"It's customary for both parties to protect their incumbents, especially in key elections where candidates have well-financed and organized campaigns like that of Mr. Riedel. However, the winner of Tuesday's election said he was able to pull off a victory despite that I would not be afraid to be criticized or that I wouldn't be afraid to go against the line when I felt it was necessary," he said.

"I think the people we met, they saw the sincerity in my words and my life and they had those states are not required to join unions. Working with Nucor Corporation for 27 years, he said he saw a number of businesses choose to settle in neighboring states such as Indiana or Michigan because workers in those states are not necessary to join unions.

"At the risk of upsetting the party, Mr. Riedel said that while he's planning to vote mostly with his peers, he won't be afraid to lead on conservative issues that haven't yet been tackled, such as making Ohio a so-called "right to work" state.

"Working in private business his entire career, Mr. Riedel said he understands how important teamwork is to being successful, however sticking to one's principals is just as important.

"I'm always going to be very respectful and of the Republican Party and I'm very conservative, but I'm always going to do what I think is right and there are going to be times when that goes divergent from what the Republicans would like me to do," he said.

"My bosses are my God and the constituents of the 82nd House District. That's who I'm going to answer to. I'm always going to do what I believe is the right thing to do," Mr.

Riedel continued.  
Having already knocked on the doors of 4,400 constituents with his wife, Danette, leading up to the election, he said he'll continue meeting with people in his district and find out what issues they care most about.

"Another priority will be meeting with business and civic groups to determine the best way to meet his goals of reducing taxes and business regulations as well as spurring economic development, Mr. Riedel said.

**Kasich Lags in Money Race, Walks Back Statement On Garland, Announces Arizona Leadership Team And Campaign Stops.**

"We have a great team in Arizona," Gov. Kasich said. "I am very appreciative of their help to share our positive message to strengthen our country and bring real solutions to the America people."

**Leadership Team:** Ahead of Tuesday's primary contest in Arizona, Gov. Kasich announced his leadership team there that includes two state lawmakers, two former chiefs of staff to governors, a disability rights advocate and several activists.

Also, during a taped interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Gov. Kasich ruled out the possibility of being the running mate of either Sen. Cruz or Mr. Trump.

"Look, you know, Garlands - I'm going have my own picks for Supreme Court," he said. "You know, the fact is, I said that they ought to meet him and talk to him, and I'm not going to pick somebody who's, you know, obviously not a respecter of the Second Amendment. I don't want people making law and so nobody should be confused, worked up or upset. He's not going to be my pick for the Supreme Court."

He later said that statement was made "in an effort to be polite."

During a taped interview for CBS' "Face the Nation," Gov. Kasich suggested he would consider nominating Merrick Garland to a seat on the bench.

**Garrison:** Over the weekend, the governor was forced to walk back a comment he made about President Barack Obama's pick to fill the seat of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Mr. Trump had \$1.6 million on hand at the beginning of March. He raised just \$2 million to \$24.3 million since entering the campaign. He spent \$9.5 million in February, but loaned his campaign nearly \$7 million during the month, bring the total to \$24.3 million since entering the campaign. He spent \$17.5 million in February.

Sen. Cruz began the month of March with \$8 million on hand. He raised \$11.8 million and spent \$17.5 million in February.

Gov. Kasich reported \$1.25 million on hand at the beginning of March, according to his latest campaign finance report filed with the Federal Election Commission. In February, he raised \$3.4 million and spent \$3.6 million.

He also trails in the money race.

Gov. John Kasich trails competitors Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and billionaire Donald Trump in the race to secure enough delegates to secure the Republican Party's nomination for president.

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The petition, Medicinal Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Amendment, was submitted by Grassroots OH with more than 2,000 signatures.

Attorney General Mike DeWine on Monday rejected petition language for a ballot measure to make medicinal marijuana legal in Ohio.

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"If I'm the only one that can beat Hillary in the fall, why would anybody say I should leave? I mean that's just -- that's nuts," he said.

Speaking on CNN's "New Day" on Monday morning, the governor said a brokered convention will be "an extension of this primary process."

**Campaign Continues:** Despite needing more than 100 percent of remaining elected delegates to secure the party's nomination, Gov. Kasich on Monday again reiterated that he has no plans to get out of the race.

"No doubt Chairman Kasich's strict budgets made life unpleasant for a few lobbyists. But so did his demeanor - which, D.C. veterans say, was often sanctimonious and rude," he continued.

"But there's a third layer of resistance to Kasich, one with which Cruz can identify: Many Beltway Republicans don't like him," he writes.

According to Mr. Draper, party insiders are rejecting the movement because of his poor showing in most states, along with his support for Medicaid expansion and embrace of Common Core, despite helping to balance the budget as chairman of the House Budget Committee.

**Draft Kasich Movement:** According to New York Times Magazine writer Robert Draper, the GOP establishment is not rushing to get on board the bandwagon for Gov. Kasich to secure the party's nomination in a brokered process.

On Wednesday, he is scheduled to hold a town hall event in Wisconsin, where he picked up the endorsement of former Treasurer Jack Voight.

In his speech to AIPAC, Gov. Kasich made a pitch based on experience, according to Politico.

**Campaign Stops:** Gov. Kasich on Monday was one of four presidential candidates scheduled to address the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference.

**Secretary of State:** The Ballot Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday and will take up two ballot measures, one a proposed initiative designed to boost the clean energy industry and the other a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban former lawmakers from lobbying for two years after leaving office, and cap most legislators' pay at the annual median household income in Ohio.

Steve Buehler said, "Mr. Walker recently returned to employment for several years and work activity during that recovery period is prohibited," BWC Administrator/CEO and purpose of temporary total disability is to give injured workers time to recuperate,

Mark Walker, who was receiving temporary total disability, was ordered to repay nearly \$75,000 in benefits he collected over a five-year period. He was also sentenced to 12 to 18 months incarceration, which was suspended for three years of community control.

**Bureau of Workers' Compensation:** A Lake County man was convicted of workers' compensation fraud after the agency's Special Investigations Department captured video of him working as a handyman.

According to Sen. Uecker, the rules are expected to be back on the agenda for review at the April 4 meeting.

"We just felt there had to be a few more questions asked," Chairman Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) said following the meeting.

The regulations include monitoring and reporting of harmful algal blooms in public water systems.

**JCAR:** Amid concerns raised by some municipalities, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review put off a hearing on Ohio EPA rules that came out of legislation (SB 1) designed to deal with toxic algal bloom in Lake Erie.

A decision on the proposed language of another medical marijuana ballot measure is scheduled to be released Friday.

Since 2011, Mr. DeVine has rejected petition language for 13 measures dealing with marijuana.

On Friday, Mr. DeVine rejected petition language filed by Ohio Medical Cannabis Care LLC based on 11 defects. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 18, 2016)

However, Mr. DeVine found two defects in the summary language, including the lack of references to proposed amendment language that "industrial hemp and medicinal cannabis shall be researched, regulated, and promoted by the state in a manner substantially similar to other agricultural crops" and another section that states 21-year-olds have "equal opportunity to access, ownership, and employment."

"Voting is a right central to what makes us American, and this bill expands access to that right," Ramos said. "Allowing more early voting locations closer to home will benefit both

Under the proposal, 23 counties would be eligible to open at least one additional early voting center, according to Rep. Ramos.

"With early voting for the primary recently concluding in Ohio, I believe it is time to examine and address an inequality in the system," he said. "With such variation in population, a one-size-fits-all approach that limits the number of early voting centers does not adequately encourage public participation in the democratic process."

Rep. Dan Ramos plans legislation that would allow counties to have one early voting location for every 60,000 residents. The additional early voting sites would require the approval of a county board of commissioners or, in case of Cuyahoga and Summit counties, the charted governing body.

One state lawmaker is advocating for an increased number of early voting sites.

## Air With Web Ad, Defends Supreme Court Decision, Clide Up For Award Politics Notebook: Ramos Looks To Add Early Voting Sites; Portman On

At the federal level, both Mr. Portman and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) have backed related legislation on clean water issues, which have come to the forefront in recent months due to lead tainted water in Flint, Mich., Sebring and elsewhere. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 3, 2016)

Lead-tainted water in the village and officials' slow reaction in alerting residents has led to fallout at the local level, where the Ohio EPA announced violations, and at the state level, where two agency employees were fired following a review of the circumstances. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016)

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman stated, "I'm pleased that federal authorities are helping Sebring ensure its water supply is safe. As we move forward, I hope the Senate will act in a bipartisan way to help Ohio and other areas of the country who have similar needs. I will continue to work in a bipartisan manner to ensure that all Ohioans have access to clean and safe drinking water."

"This grant will help provide much needed upgrades to Sebring's water system but the work is far from over," Senator Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) said in a statement. "We need to acknowledge that water quality issues will continue to plague our communities until our state makes an honest investment into fixing our crumbling infrastructure."

Sebringing Water Grant: The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded the Village of Sebring a \$400,000 grant to assist with water quality improvements, a development welcomed by state and federal lawmakers.

Suburban and township voters outside of the city center, as well as lower income voters with limited transportation options.”

**Senate Race:** The campaign of Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) is up with a web ad touting his work to help Hebron-based ArmorSource secure a federal contract.

According to the ad, the company has added 200 jobs since linking the deal.

In a Sunday op-ed for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Sen. Portman defended his decision to join with fellow Senate Republicans in refusing to hold hearings on President Barack Obama’s choice to fill the seat of former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

“I have concluded that the best thing for the country is to trust the American people to weigh in and to have the confirmation process take place in a less partisan atmosphere,” he wrote. “Awaiting the result of a democratic election, rather than having a nomination fight in this contentious election year, will give the nominee more legitimacy and, as then-Senator Biden pointed out, better preserve the institutional credibility of the Senate and the court.”

The decision has earned praise from the Judicial Crisis Network, which is launching a \$2 million TV, radio and digital ad campaign in six states, including Ohio.

“The goal of this effort is to inform and alert the citizens of Ohio that in opposing President Obama’s third liberal nominee to the Supreme Court, Senator Portman is also opposing liberal domination of the court, with the presidential election so close,” said in a statement.

“As a federal judge, Garland has made rulings undermining the Second Amendment rights of Ohioans as well as defended expansive, unchecked power of federal agencies such as the EPA, decisions that harm Ohio small businesses,” she continued.

The move has drawn criticism from Democrats, including Sen. Portman’s general election opponent, former Gov. Ted Strickland. (See *Gongwer Ohio Report*, March 16, 2016)

Sen. Portman also announced on Monday the addition of Michawn Rich as his campaign’s communications director.

“We are very excited to have Michawn Rich join us as we kick off the general election,” campaign manager Cory Bliss said. “Michawn’s discipline and experience in competitive races – including 2014’s most competitive congressional race in the country – will be a great addition to our team. She is a seasoned communicator who will help us contrast Rob’s vision for a brighter future with why Ohio can’t go back to Ted Strickland’s Ohio when the state lost over 350,000 jobs and ranked 48th in job creation.”

## SYLLABUS:

No. 2016-010. Requested by Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard.

## Attorney General's Opinion

Mr. Marquis, a Pickerington resident, holds a journalism degree from Bowling Green State University.

"The position of director of communications provides me the opportunity to continue my public service, to help citizens understand how their money is being spent, and to better understand government operations -- something I've been fascinated with since my earliest days as a reporter."

"The state auditors office embodies those things that I always tried to do as a journalist -- be transparent, provide public access and hold people accountable. I have a great deal of respect for the way Dave Yost has conducted himself as state auditor and as Delaware County prosecutor. His decisions are rooted in doing the right things by taxpayers without regard to politics," Marquis said.

He starts his new post April 4 with an annual salary of \$105,000. Mr. Marquis, 52, previously worked for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Toledo Blade.

"Ben's extensive media experience and management expertise will be a great addition to our office," Auditor Yost said in a statement. "He is a trusted name in Columbus and all over the state of Ohio, and we are fortunate to have him join our team."

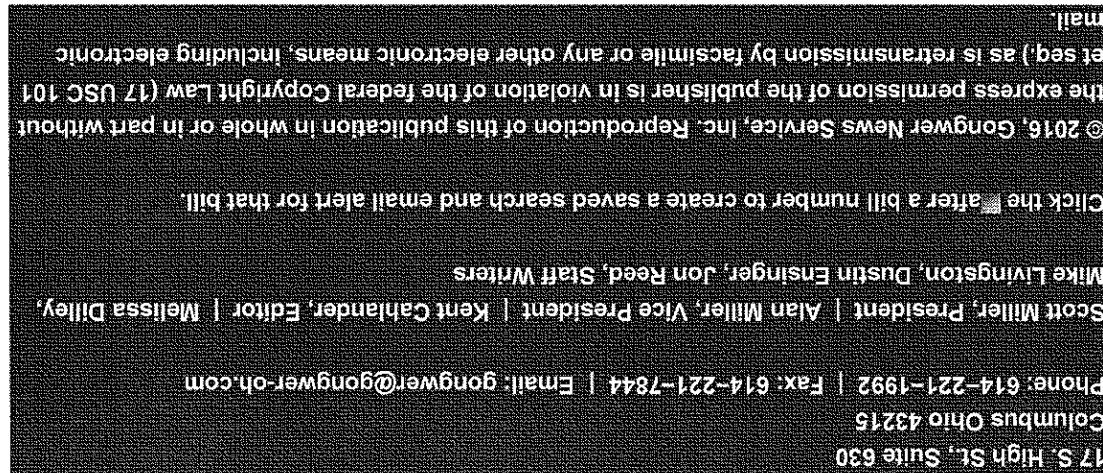
He replaces Carmie Bartunek, who was named senior policy adviser for public affairs.

State Auditor Dave Yost Monday he's hired Ben Marquis, the former Columbus Dispatch editor, as his communications director.

Clyde also announced that she will make stops in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati with author Art Berman to discuss his new book, *Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America*.

"Kathleen is one of Ohio's biggest rising stars. She's an outspoken advocate for voting rights, and even in our state's conservative legislature, Kathleen has proven an effective fighter for Ohio's women and workers," he said.

Clyde Nominated For Award: Sen. Sherrrod Brown (D-Avon) on Monday urged people to vote for Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) to receive the Gabriele Giffords Rising Star Award by EMILY's List.



Joe Uecker)

Columbus, 5 p.m., (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500; Individual - \$350 to The Committee to Elect Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) Fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.,

Tuesday, April 19

Vorys, Seaver, Seymour and Pease LLP Legislative Reception, 52 East Gay St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Senate Republican candidate Frank Haggland Fundraiser, The Galley, 203 Second St., Marietta, 4:30 p.m., (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500; Individual - \$350 to Haggland for Ohio)

Wednesday, April 6

Supplemental Event Planner

Official Dispeners Board, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 7

BWC Nominating Council, Conf. Rms. B8C, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

Ballot Board, Senate Finance Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 2:30 p.m. (The board will meet to determine whether each of the proposed constitutional amendments known as the "Ohio Clean Energy Initiative" and the "Ohio Ethics First Amendment" contain only one proposed amendment.)

Wednesday, March 23

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Incentives contribute to the efficient operation of the court.

The judges of a court of common pleas, in the reasonable exercise of their discretion, may expend money generated by the court's special projects fee imposed pursuant to R.C. 2303.201(E)(1) to purchase incentives that reward participants' compliance with the terms of the court's drug court program, provided the judges determine that the incentives contribute to the efficient operation of the court.



## House Activity for Monday, March 21, 2016

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HB 492 ■ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Rogers, J., Dreheaus, D.) To create the Supplemental State Capital Improvements Pilot Program funded by a temporary transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund and to make an appropriation. Am. 131.43, 131.44, and 164.01 and to enact section 164.18.

HB 493 ■ CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Sears, B., Ryan, S.) To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law. Am. 307.627, 2151.421, 2151.422, 2151.99, 3701.701, 5153.16, 5153.175, and 5153.176.

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Friends of Bill Coley)  
Columbus, 5:30 p.m., Host: \$1,000; Sponsor \$500; Individual attendee: \$350 to Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) Fundraiser, Claddagh, 585 S. Front St., Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Kevin Bacon) Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Crystal Rm., 136 E. St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Hottinger) Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) fundraiser, Troy Balderson for State Senator) Ho Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Event Host \$1,000; Event Sponsor \$500; Individual Attendee \$350 to Troy Balderson, Athlete Club of Columbus, Tally Conference on gender diversity legislation, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 2 p.m., Rep. Greta Johnson (D-Akron) and Sen. Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) news conference on bill to remove firearms in certain domestic violence situations, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, 10:30 a.m.

Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) and Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) news conference on bill to remove firearms in certain domestic violence situations, Columbus, 10 a.m.

ACLU of Ohio and Ohio Justice and Policy Center news conference to release criminal justice report, Judicial Room, Sheraton at Capitol Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Presidential primaries/caucuses in Arizona, Utah & Idaho (Democratic)

## Events

- Agency Calendar
- Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussling Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 8 a.m.
- If needed
- Gangled Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m. Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
- Gangled Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, March 22
- Legislative Committees



## SB 297 ■ STUDENT EXPULSIONS (Hughes, J.) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds, Am. 3313.66 and 3313.661 and to enact section 3313.668.

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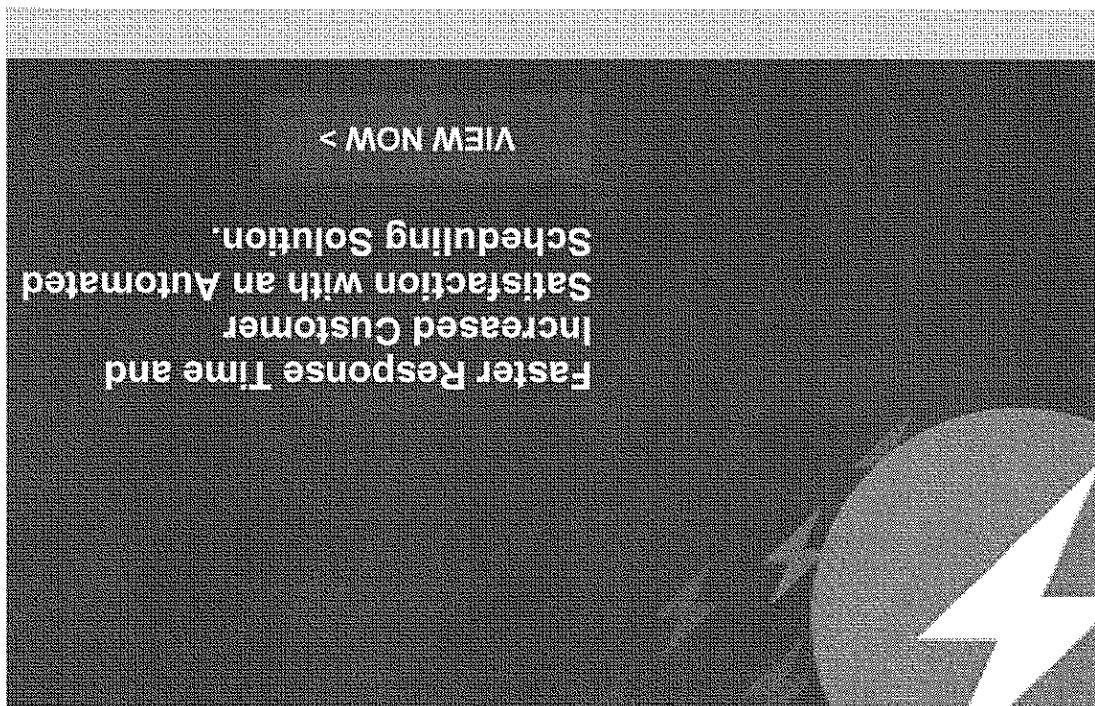
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House, Senate Chairs Set Criminal Justice Legislative Priorities For Coming Months

Sunset Review Process About Half Completed; Committee Expected To Wrap Up Work In May

OCMC Subcommittee To Present Congressional Redistricting Proposal

Thursday

Bill Would Create Registry Of Parkinson's Patients To Aid In Research,

Treatment

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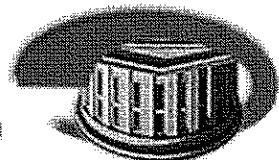
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The legislator who leads the Senate Criminal Justice Committee said his goal for the group over the next several months is to avoid interfering with the work of the Criminal Recordification Committee.

Chairman Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) said in an interview he does not want to move legislation before lawmakers break for the summer that could be at odds with recommendations from the committee charged with reviewing the state's criminal codes.

"I want to avoid doing anything that is going to be disruptive of the work that the Recordification Committee is doing," he said.

However, Sen. Eklund, a member of the ad hoc panel, also said his standing committee is "not going to be paralyzed."

One of his legislative priorities, he said, is a bipartisan bill (HB 164) sponsored by Rep. John Rodgers (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) and Rep. Dorothy Pekanica (R-Marysville).

The measure, which already cleared the House, allows non-violent ex-offenders to have their records sealed if they have complied with all court ordered sanctions. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 24, 2016)

"That strikes me as a positive initiative," Sen. Eklund said.

Although acknowledging that the legislation may be too complex to move through the committee before the General Assembly's summer recess, Sen. Eklund said another bill he is very interested in is one that would end the death penalty for those that suffer from certain severe mental illnesses at the time of their crimes.

Sponsored by Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland), the bill (SB 162) is facing opposition from the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

(See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 27, 2016)

"It's a big bill. It's an important bill. I don't know that it's something that we can get done that quickly," Sen. Eklund said, adding that discussions with DPA are ongoing.

Another measure he hopes to get to the Senate floor that he does not feel would conflict with the work of the Recordification Committee is a bill (HB 151) sponsored by Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Independence) designed to combat cyber stalking. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 7, 2015)

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House, Senate Chairs Set Criminal Justice Legislative Priorities For Coming Months

## Sunset Review Process About Half Completed; Committee Expected To Wrap Up Work In May

"I do hope we'll be able to pass those out of committee," Rep. Butler said.

Also likely to be a priority for the committee, according to Rep. Butler, is a bill (HB 283) to require DNA testing for certain misdemeanor sex crimes and another bill (HB 268) designed to make it easier for victims of human trafficking to expunge their records.

He said he also expects to take up a measure (HB 307) sponsored by Rep. Peflana (October 13, 2015) designed to provide judges with more discretion in imposing drivers' license suspensions for drug-related offenses that did not involve a vehicle. (See Gongwer Ohio Report,

"In general I think the concept is a correct one," Rep. Butler said.

Another priority, according to Rep. Butler is a bill (SB 215) sponsored by Sen. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) and Sen. Frank Laroche (R-Copley Twp.), that would provide civil immunity to those who break into cars to rescue animals or children. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 10, 2016)

"There some disagreement between the House and Senate on this issue, but I'm optimistic we can come up with a compromise on this bill," Rep. Butler said.

The measure was introduced after the Ohio Supreme Court overruled the conviction of a man because he had not been officially served with a protective order by an officer of the court.

One is a bill (SB 76) sponsored by Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) and Sen. Gayle Manning (R-N, Ridgeville) that specifies the actual servicing of a protective order or consent agreement to the targeted individual isn't necessary for a violation charge if the person knew of the order and "recklessly violated" its terms. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 30, 2015)

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"We already have a decent number," said Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostander), who chairs the Sunset Review Committee.

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The review process occurs every six years. Nearly 80 boards, commissions and study panels were eliminated through legislation (SB171, 129th General Assembly) enacted at the end of the last sunset review process.

"It depends on how far we go," he said. "I would like to get a bill that most people can agree to."

Once a bill is introduced, Sen. Jordan said he hopes for it to gather widespread support.

"I'm not sure if we are actually going to get the bill passed until later in the year," he said.

Sen. Jordan said he expects the committee to wrap up its work in May and issue a report sometime thereafter.

"I would probably like to see more get cut than will actually get cut. But it's a committee process," he said. "There may be some on the other side that think we are going a little bit too far."

Sen. Jordan, though, would like to go farther.

"Hopefully beyond saving some money, it will get government out of the way of different businesses and entrepreneurs," he said.

"There are a few members of the committee that are looking at additional boards and commissions to be addressed," he said, adding additional hearings would likely be necessary in that case to allow the entities to justify their continued existence.

When all is said and done, Sen. Jordan said, he does not expect the process to result in substantial savings for taxpayers. He does, however, hope the committee's work will improve the business climate across the state.

Not only does Sen. Jordan anticipate more entities to ask to be sunset, he also expects the committee to make some cuts of its own.

"There will be more," he said. "Every time we have hearings, there are a number of agencies and boards that ask to be sunset."

Sen. Jordan said he expects more entities will ask to be discontinued as the process moves forward. The panel's next meeting is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

In fact, a total of 40 entities have asked to be sunset, including the Labor-Management Housing Study Committee.

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